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1836 - 2d day of the week 5th mo 9th
Attended the meeting of Bank Directors
and gave the remainder of the day to bu-
siness at the Cy House &c, dwg at home
3d day 10th Busily engaged in Cy house
cares & duties — dwg at home —
4th day 11th Occupied considerably about
my premises &c — the men building
the the wall & fitting the gates on the
lines of my lot — across School Street
having about or nearly finished the job —
David Pierce having lent his assistance
in the Carpentering line — Afternoon at
the Cy house & dwg. at home The work-
men mostly employed about the
yard & garden setting out about 100 Bmd
firs & other evergreen trees rec'd yesterday
from Portland via Boston. & getting
Elms from the the woods — &c
5th Day 12th Devoted the whole day till quite
dark with very little intermission indis-
criminately superintending the planting of
the Elms, in the lot — except one in the

2 for yard to replace a Willow which appeard to be dead — in Evening then by Stakes drive and providing for their being properly supplied with water, Dined at home
6th day 13th Attended a meet[g] of the Trustees of the Academy — and Spent a part of the day in writing up the Minutes of the m[g] — a very Oppressive cold affecting my voice with a great hoarseness decided me to remain in the house the rem[r] of the day
7th day 14th Confined at home with my Cold — buried with Calculations of Int[t]. with reference to my duties as Executor to my Father's Estate
1st day 15th Still too much unwell to make it proper for me to go out to m[g]
2d day 16th attended the Bank Directors m[g] — and Spent the rem[r] of the day at the C[y] house, when I rem[d] till the ev[g] was considerably advanced. Rode with the 3 boys to my lots this forenoon

from the Cy home
Boston 9— I found T. Barton Kent
of Fairhaven his Creditor and a Deputy
Sheriff — wishing my interference to
save his fur: from attachment, to
which I consented in consideration of the
crying Case, when they departed
3d day 17th Occupied in Cy home duties
wg at home — Our niece Ellen took tea
& will remain with us through the night
— Sister Rebecca being quite unwell
as also is Alfred with the Rheu-
matism, wg at home; cold & ill op-
pressive
4th day 18th Engaged through the day at
the Cy House, having repaired there early
and taken my breakfast there to avoid the
walk as my cold is yet severe — wg
at Home — Several of Our nieces & nephews
took the pump at tea — I taking mine
later as usual — Br: Wm & And: Brown
called in the evg
5th day 19th Spent the day at the Counting
House, wg at home — had an interview with
Capt B.R. C. Nelson, lately arr: at St John N. Brunsk
after an unfortunate voyage to the S: Atlantic
& Indian Ocean — Ed: & Mary took tea
their Aunt Susans. Called late in the evg to attend
them home

46th day 20th Spent the forenoon in
re fitting the platforms &c as the Isle of
Man to wad coath for gravelling
Ivy wharf walls, afternoon at the
Cg. house, ev. at home
Vt. day 21 — Engaged at the Cg. house
without much intermission; had the
Stone placed at my father's & Aunt Mary
Rodman's graves — drank tea with Mrs.
Sher. H — Visited the Belden children at
Aunt Mary Rotch's — with A. Robeson's family
1st day 22d — Attended Meetings — walked
to the grave yard with Mrs Sher H and called
on J. Rotch's — to see Jos. & Eliz Anger
were not at home — called also
at Ch. Morgan's — Chs State absent
and Isabella continues quite ill — walked
after tea to my West lots and called at
Mothers — found her apparently very
comfortable with the new arrangements
with Mrs Lydia Russell all
the domestic cares of the family —
— and I hope & believe as many mental
ally satisfactory — Bro. Wm & sister
Rebecca called in the evg — but I did
not see them

2d. Day 23 — Spent the day at the Cg. House, Evg at home — A. Robeson Esq. Called on business for his father and Mary Ann Lowe

3d. Day 24. Spent the day at the Cg. House at business of my fathers estate, Evg. at home with my family — The men finished hoeing Spring Corn

4th. Day 25th. Occupied as of late at the Cg. House, Evg. at Bro. Joathan Benjamins' where I took tea with Mrs. Chew & sister at their new residence in Union St., in the house lately occupied by my Bro. Wm. family, C. W. Morgan Esq. last Evg. or yesterday from Phila. & Bro. the tidings of Dr. John Rowe's sudden death on 1st day Inst. last. of spasm at the heart — Contrary to my expectation the men did not get through my planting till this Evg — Called to see Bro. family, in condolence for this afflictive intelligence from Phila. of the death of his Bro. in law

5th. Day 26 Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and devoted the rem. of the day to Cg House duties Evg. at home after twilight obliged me to discontinue my Cg. house employments — Read audibly

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a part of the "Edinburgh" review of the life of
Sir Jas. Mc Intosh — but found the symptoms
of age of which I have for many months had
indications, in her perfect vision, a serious in-
convenience in reading the smaller type —
6th. day 27th. Spent the day as usual at the
C.H. House. Read in the evg. to Ma chie H &
Sister, but again experienced a similar in-
convenience to that noted yesterday — And
Ma chie H. relieved me from the effort —
7th day 28th. Attended to business at the
C.H. house till the shades of evg obliged me to
desist — afterward at home
1st day 29th. Attended meetings & spent the
day at home till the evg. was nearly spent
— the first of which was occupied by the annual
reading of the Children & a call from Mr.
Stockard & Miss Atwood of the Academy
— after they retired I called to see mother
in whom I had not seen for some days —
2d. day 30th. Spent the day in attention to business
at the C.H. house & in the evg called with Ma
Chie H. at Andrews. Thin accts. from Phila.
show as might be expected, the family & friends

of Dr Moore in great affliction from his very sudden & unexpected demise in the meridian of his usefulness & Medical practice — The more distressing from the need of the avails of such practice for the maintainance of his wife & Children — His extensive in Manufacturing Concerns having ~~proved~~ annihilated all the surplus of his professional labors & left a heavy uncancelled debt —

3d. day 31 — Attended to Cy. house business & Adl. P.M. principally occupied with reference to the late unfortunate termination of a voyage of one of the Ships at St. John — In the ev. called on the same business to see A. Robeson & C.M. Morgan with regard to future efforts in that quarter; to which with much reluctance but persisting the only hope of avoiding a ~~loss~~ an otherwise certain loss they assented

4th day 6m. 1 — Engaged at the Cy. house through the day ev at home, a very short one however at this season as I remain at the desk as long as I can see by day light (M. Stoddard Called —

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5th day 2d — Spent the day at the C. house, being at a meeting of the N.B. Port Society for the Moral improvemt of Seamen —

6th day 3d. Went with my men to the Isle of Man before breakfast and called on some individuals in Fairhaven relative to the deportment of B.R.C. Wilson late of the Mary Rait and the rumors relative to his immoral example and vile deportment fully confirmed. Spent most of the rem.r of the day in writing to him in relation to it. and C.C. Stewart the owner at St. John. Esq. attended the Optical exhibition of Herr Smith with the three eldest Children — it was quite interesting, though not explained I suppose the Magic lantern with a revolving wheel between the object & the light, some of splendid diagrams having the effect of revolving circles curves &c of liquid light — views of Castles landscapes portraits flowers birds fishes & Angels Cupids were exhibited in varying magnitudes having the effect of approaching & receding objects — which were changed from one to another with a rapidity

which ended visit — the whole was closed by an exhibition of animalcula in drop of water — which were numerous & various appearing from the size of a pin sticks to 2 feet in length — some of the objects were extremely beautiful. Called at Mathers the boy quite ill. —
4th day 4th Occupied with C.J. House duties — eve. at home — Mother better than yesterday — thought the pain in her lungs not wholly left her — pain abated
1st day 5th Called to enquire after mother before meeting — found her asleep — & had a pretty good night — attend J. at the Lyceum Address — & Tea at our own, called at J. Potts to see J. & E. Angier & Joseph & Sarah Hammett — eve. at Mothers, & at Chs. N. Morgans, eve. at home
2d. day 6th Occupied principally with my Wholesale business, and C.J. house engagements, called to see Mother — eve. at Thorntons a short time on business
3d. day 7th Occupied about my wholesale business — the new arrangements for getting the mud from the docks between the wales &c —

mrs J. my personal attention, called to
Eng.ne in after mother the contenues daily to
improve ——— called at Sister Dennis to attend
Sister P. Lyons
4th Day 9th Engaged as yesterday, had Jn.
th Morrison to dine with us, who is on his
way to Spend the Summer at Rathbone
we J. called at Jn.o Howlands. in condolence at
the death of Cath.e Bowne a little daughter
of Jn.o L Bowne of Newyork who died a
few days since of the Croup in her 6th yea
— the parents & two Bro.s & 4 daughters are here
on the occasion — interment to take place to-
morrow afternoon
5th Day 9th Occupied at the wharf most
of the day — with little other exception than
the time Spent in attend.g the funeral services &c
occas.d by the death of Cath.e Bowne
6th Day 10th Engaged still so especially with
my wharf business that I can get little time
for any thing else
7th Day 11th Still engaged as of late in for-
warding my wharf business, which allows me
little leisure for any thing else

1st day 12th. Attended meetings and applied
Several hours to some writing with a view to the
requisite preparation for leaving town early in the week
on business connected with the Executorship of
My father's Estate
2d day 13th Occupied about my wharf busi-
ness through the day, and till late in the even
at the Cg. House preparing to leave home to-
morrow. if Our son Frank should be well enough
to transport it. he being quite unwell to day
— 3d day 14th Our Jaunt to Boston is
deferred till to morrow Frank yet too unwell
to allow us to leave with easy minds and ma
Chen H. not quite ready in her arrangements
for the journey —
4th day 15th — Set off in the mail Stage
via Taunton with ma Chen H. Ed & Mary
for Boston & dined at Taunton & reached Bos-
ton about 7 O'Clk. could not get in at the
"Fremont House" and find ourselves well ac-
commodated at the New England Coffee House
on Clinton Street — Went out after tea with
the Children to see the City & call at Mr. Alcotts
ma Chen H having a severe head Ache remained at the

House. not being able to find M. Alcotts & passing on our return the Odeon where an Oratorio was in performance. we called in & remained till its conclusion —

5th day 16th Spent the forenoon in walking over the Eastern margin of the City with Edmund and went to East Boston with J.P. Bradlee afterward the latter accompanied us with Ma Chen H & Mary to the Athenæum passg. through the Quincy Market & looking into Faneuil Hall on the way — devot[illegible] time to the Exhibition of Paintings belonging to that Institution. — Leaving his mother & sister Ed. & self went again in search of M. Alcotts residence to see one of his pupils my nephew S. Rodman Thayer — succeeded in finding it and took Rodman back with us to the Exhibition room but the others of our party had left and we after satisfying our curiosity followed them to our lodgings I having previous to our return going to M. Alcotts transacted some business at the Boston & Fremont Banks

after dinner. our f^d J.P.B. accompanied us in a hack to Charlestown & introduced us to the Navy Yard & the Bunker Hill Monument: there we proceeded to Cambridge, called at Professor Farrar's. but M^r & M^rs F. being out, went on to Mt Auburn — Spent a couple hours in exploring that extensive and rural Cemetary which bids fair to be of unrivalled interest and beauty: and then continued our ride to the Mess^rs Winthrop's Garden in Brighton — and after witnessing the arrival and departure of the train of Rail Road Cars from Worcester which passes through their grounds walked through the gardens Green House &c and were much gratified at the beautiful & well cultured variety of plants & flowers and the politeness of their Proprietors — returned to town at dark and went with our kind attentive friend to take tea & pass the eve. with his family — with which agreeably spent hours was closed the varied day.

6^th day 17^th Walked before breakfast over the northern margin of the City & examined some of the excavations & the operations there in

progress, a part of which was the repair of May's wharf. a portion of the granite wall of which having fallen in — a Diving Bell &c were in use — After breakfast made calls at J. Baden's by 9 O'Clock, at Wm Sullivan's Office & then walked across the mill Dam to the Spinning Works and rope walks of Horace Gray & Co. — the processes of which are nearly all performed by Machinery (some of it quite peculiar to this Establishment) apparently of the most complete kind for giving the greatest strength and uniformity to the manufactured articles. — Among which are whale lines of very superior quality and the various kinds of ropes & Rigging required by the U. S. Navy for which the proprietors have large orders — Returned to our lodgings and after an early dinner took our seats in the Cars for Prov. about 1 O'Clk — reached Providence in about two hours. but the rain which fell in heavy showers at intervals after leaving Boston prevented our doing much or see. much of the

city — we nevertheless took a walk on the East side of the town & I made some enquiries relative to the pecuniary standing of some individuals with whom I had business

4th Day 18th After breakfast, I set off in a Gallery to see Richard Anthony Sam. Arnold & Stephen H Smith — Saw them at their respective places of business, the latter at or near Woonsocket Falls — and by using all practicable despatch and diligence got back to Providence just in time to get with my Fam.y to the Steam boat about Boston about Half.y for Newport Leav.g part of my business at the former place unfinished — arrived at N. about ½ past 6 and went to Wm Potters for lodgings, after tea walked out and saw H. Holt who lived so many years in our Fam.y and took a circuit on our return to the hill. —

1st day 19th After breakfast took a carriage and went out to the "Glen" the temporary residence of my aunt Mary Rotch & her comp.n M. Gifford during the warm Season. — Spent the day & we very agreeably in that rural & beautiful

valley and the associated kindness of its transitory inhabitants —

2d. day 20th. Judge Clarke the Proprietor of the "Glen" kindly took me into town to attend to business, and I returned with him in the afternoon after dining at W. S. Potters. the weather strongly contrasted with that of yesterday being a cold north east wind with occasional showers of a temp. of between 80 & 90 of Fahr. — Mr. Gifford made sick by the change

3d. day 21st after breakfast repaired to Mrs. Dunfees to be ready for the steam-boat Stage — the state of the weather so retarded the speed of the Boat that the Stage did not get to us till near 1 Oclk — having had several hours for reading at Mrs. D's — reached home at 5 Oclk P.M. & had the satisfaction of finding our sister P & the babies all well, and delighted to welcome us home again. — Had a fire kindled on our arrival rendered quite necessary for comfort by the continuance of the cold storm — finished the day by writing up this journal, and taking a glance

of the perplexing Cares of business which the outward Circumstances forces upon me — and from which I have enjoyed a short respite, though yet uncertain as what detriment to my interests.

4th. day 22. The business at the wharf has gone on tolerably well in my absence. Called to see mother who is nearly well again so as to think of going out. Occupied with little intermission at the C.H. house & a short evg. at home

5th. day 23. Except making a call with Ma Phebe on our new niece the Bride of our nephew Thos. Roberson and on Uncle and aunt Deane who are here on a visit from Salem with their little son John — and some business calls at C.H. Morgans the day has been devoted to C.H. House duties, evg at home

6th day 24th. Engaged at the C.H. House & Wharf evg. at home after a late supper

7th. day 25th C.H. House duties occupied me through the day, had Uncle Wm. & Lydia. Uncle & aunt Deane their little Son & Sister Eliza at tea

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1st day 6mo 26 — Attended meeting & called at Andrew's & Mothers in the Eve otherwise at home except a walk to see two of my workmen before breakfast

2d day 27th — Engaged at the wharf and Counting House. Eve'g after a late supper at home.

3d day 28th. At the wharf & C.H. house P.M. went to Fall River on some business of my own and as Executor to my late Fathers Estate — returned as I went in the Stage about 9 O'clk. and then went to Uncle Williams where Ma Aunt H was with a family party to meet Uncle & Aunt Dean

4th day 29th Engaged at the C.H. house &c.

5th day 30th — Occupied about my business at the C.H. house & through the day — Eve. A. Robinson with Ma Aunt H & Sister P (who dined there) to meet with a few others of the family & Rev & his bride —

6th day 7mo 1 Spent the day in devotion to my business duties. Ch & Sarah called in the

wcf —
4th day 2d. Occupied with my Cf house and wharf business. Mr Coleman called to give Mary Some instruction on the accordion —
1st day 3d. Attended meetings and passed the day & evg otherwise at home —
2d day 4th — This General holyday has been advantageously improved by me in quietly pursuing my Cf house duties — evg. after a late supper at home Mr Stod and & Miss Osgood & A. Roberson called
3d day 5th Spent the day in attending to my Cf. House & wharf business. in the evg. visited Mrs Archer H. Sisters P & the two elder Children at Brother Williams to meet others of the family assembled to see & be introduced to Washington Irving of New York whose literary services have been so generally admired and acquired for him a very high reputation in England as well as at home — his appearance is that of an amiable & polished gentleman of fine ~~appearance~~ physiognomy & person & in the prime of health & manhood appears the presumption that he is as de-

bashful in Juvenile society as in his literary Characters
14th day 6th Occupied at the wharf & through the day wife at home
5th day 7th Engaged at my wharf business through this day — wife at home
6th day 8th Attended to my wharf operations in preparing anew the platform for hauling back the Scraper in & changing the mud from the Scows, deranged by the loss of a shoe — Spent most of the afternoon at the furnace in getting a new one cast & fitted
7th day 9th — Attended to business at the wharf. Cy. Howe &, took the boys to bathe & swim —
1st day 10th Attended meetings and Spent the rest of the day at home, read Rev. Benj. Called in the boys
2d day 11th Attended to Cy House duties principally — my wharf business and the repairs of the House in School Street occupied some part of the day — our niece Eliz. took tea here, & her father called in the wife to see her home

3d. day 12th. Spent the day at C[ity] house
w[ife]. partly Spent in superintending my wks
works — late on aust. of the tides — The
new Episcopal Church was this day conse-
crated — most of the family were present on
the occasion & as the service in the w[ife] — it was
a disappointment that my business would
not admit of my attendance —
4th. day 13th. Spent the day principally in
C[ity] house employments took the boys in the
water to give them instruction. and practice
in Swimming — and was detained in the
w[ife]. in superintending and assisting the
workmen in overcoming some unexpected
difficulties — so that I was disappointed
in my design of attending the service at
the new Episcopal house. where Mr. Elliot
of S[outh] Carolina preached in a remarkably
interesting and eloquent manner. Ma chere
H. Sister and the two elder Children were there
5th. day 14th. Occupied by my wife & C[ity] house
duties — the short w[ife]. after the shades of
twilight, no longer permitted my continuance at
the desk was Spent at home —

6th day 15th Devoted the day to my C.J. house & wf. business, some improvements in my arrangements for discharging the mud loaded on the scows by the Dredging machine claiming a considerable portion of it. Called at mothers and learned with much regret that the feeble health of Lydia Russell together with the illness her little Child would probably terminate the domestic arrangement of my mother, which has turned to slight ad

7th day 16 Wharf & C.J. House business has divided the day — Short eve. at home — the pressure of indispensable business allowing me no command of my time, but I live in hope that with the blessing of Heaven on my efforts it will be otherwise before the lapse of many more years —

1st Day 17 — Attended Meeting AM at the new Episcopal Ch — PM. at our own M.H. house — walked before breakfast to my North Lots after M.M. PM to my West lots with [redacted] Evans, called with Lew-

Chyn H to see mother in the ev.
2. day 18th Attended to my whf & C.G house business, which occupied me closely through the day — My men began to mow at the North lots to day
3. day 19th — The details of my whf & C.G. house business have engaged my attention through the day Eliza Perry Georgiana Rodell her cousin Ellen visited our daughr Mary this day — Mr Stevenson called to see his sister in law home —
4th day 20 Occupied A at as usual at the whf & C.G. House — the men got in 2 loads of hay — took the boys to bathe at noon — Wm Collins of Phila. dined with us — I called to see mother but found her home shut up & deserted Lydia Mary and her household having broken up and departed — The ill health of her Children and her own feeble constitution rendering the situation as superintendant & Caretaker of mother & the family a task too great for her so that she was compelled to resign it — mother & Eliza & my sister

Robertsons found bro Wm & Sister Rebª here on my return, who wished to have some Consultation relative to Mothers Establishment —

5th 21st Occupied at the Cg house & what thought to the day, called to see Mother at night wf also called at Benjn's to see Polly Hammond relative to taking the Charge of Mothers family — Sister Susan & E. Drinker spent the eg here. Benj called at a late hour —

6th day 22d — Occupied at the Cg house & what — giving some attention to the operations at the "mansion house" premises — called to see mother, and, gave the boys a lesson in Swimming at some after [illegible], though from the lateness of the meal the eg was short

7th day 23d Most of the day occupied with reference to Securing a debt due from Ezra Hathaway — bot a piece of land at auction. In the Capacity of Executor wf, at home after calling to see mother

1st day 24th — Attend MG. at the Mar-

iners Church Hill : P.M. on my own called a few minutes to see Mother and walked to little Charles's Grave, which appears in a sad State from the failure of the fine firs & rose bushes which we planted to embellish the Spot hallowed by the tenderest recollection of parental affection — The soil is unpropitious, but the Savage Spirit which prevails to a disgraceful degree with a portion of our Population who have unrestrained access, offer more decisive obstacles to the development of the fair forms of vegetable life —

2. day 25th Attended to business through the day at the C.J. house & took the two younger boys to exercise in swimming — called to see Mother at Sister Anna's but she had gone over to her own house — after a late tea I went over —

3d. day 26th. Spent the forenoon at the C.J. house, And dined and Spent the afternoon with Gov. Everett & a few others

at brother Benjamins — He appears as modest & amiable in his manners, as he distinguished as a Scholar & a Statesman &c. at home

4th. Day 27th. Spent the day in attending to my Wholesale & Cg. House business &c. attended a meeting of the young men on the subject of the Bunker Hill Monument and had the pleasure of hearing a splendid specimen of eloquence & oratory from Gov. Everett on the subject — afterward repaired to bro. Williams where he with a party of gentlemen were invited to supper

5th. Day 28th. Occupied as usual at the Wholesale & Cg. House, &c. at home

6th. Day 29th. Engaged as usual through the day — had another sister E. several of Andrews family Sally & Betty Smith. Wm. Robt. my nephew Ph. R. Fisher bro. Wm. Armand Hyde as trader

7th. Day 30th. Engaged at the Wholesale & Cg. house, — took the boys to bathe as I have done on several other days this week

1st day 31st Attended Meetings at our own house. Jno. Fisher called before meeting & his son Henry whom I attended thither — after meg. called with them at Jos. Rotch & A. Robesons. They took tea with us, as did our nephew J.R. Fisher after us, he being after the hour in getting here — Took J Fisher to see the town from our observatory & then walked with them through Jas. Rous's Garden.

2d day 8mo. 1 Spent the day in my usual business employments in the m.g called to attend ma chm. home from the Mansion house where she went to see an old friend from Philadelphia — Ann Collins her niece & nephew Mary Anna & Henry Longstreet & Miss Davis & Arabella Croton were under care — all conforming members of the Society of friends —

3d day 2d — Accord.g to appointment I called in the morning to take the young ladies &c to visit a whaling Ship and Oil many — as there was no Ships in the desirable State of forwardness I took them to Fairhaven

onboard the Stanton & to the Spermaceti Candle Manufactory of my brother Wilder — they were much interested in what they saw, and after a turn to the Fort and a ramble on the rocks to view the fine prospect returned to town — The two young ladies appeared very amiable and intelligent, and the sweet simplicity and purity which I associate with the cultivated & intelligent women of our own society made the occasion equally interesting to me — A Cresson was not of the Party — Called at the lodgings of Gov. Everett who returned yesterday from an excursion to Nantucket & the Ct. of Nathaniel — did not see him as he was then on a visit to his Constituents of Fairhaven by invitation — I however left an invitation to call at our house and walk in J. Arnolds Garden — An honor which he did us, Calling with Mrs Warren about 6 P.M. after passing half an hour took a turn into J. Garden

bro: B & Sister Susan being visited us in addition to Sister & the two elder Children — The modest and gentlemanly Manners of the Gov^r gains the esteem regard of all who Shard his Society as his talents Scholarship & moral worth Command the admiration & respect of all who are acquainted with the Politics & literature of Our State & Country — he will leave for his home to-morrow and I hope that the votes at the next election will bear unequivocal proofs of the favorable impression which his visit has left on Our Citizens —

4th. Day 3. Attended to my business Concerns through the day, in the W.S. Mr. Hoddard Called —

5th. Day 4th. Cf. house duties have principally engaged my attention — took the boys as usual when the weather is favorable to give them exercise & practice in Swimming — the importance of which art was strikingly indicated by an accident which occurred near my Cf house

during my absence on that occasion
— a little boy of 3 years old fell
into the water & was nearly drowned
his father on being called plunged in
but being unable to swim both w.
probably have perished but for
the timely assistance of another who
had been attracted to the spot & by
throwing a rope drew them both on
— the child breathless & the father
much exhausted — by prompt med-
ical treatment — they a both re-
covered — Evg. call. with
Mr & Mrs H. at C. W. Moyers —
Sister & Mary & Ed. took tea at
Uncle William Potts' —
6th day 5th Occupied principally at
the wharf — attention to which necessarily
takes much more time from G. House and
other duties than I can well spare Evg.
at home after a protracted day
7th day 6th Engaged again most of the
day out of the G. House, Evg. at home

1st day 7th Attended meetings, and between them an anti Slavery Lecture by Mr Stanton at the North Baptist house which was long & interesting — walked before tea to my lots, and then the evg at home — Ch. & Sarah called

2d day 8th Attended to my business at the wharf & C.J. House &c — the former engrossing much of the afternoon and extending into the evg so as to prevent my taking tea at C.W. Morgans as I intended with Mr Chenoweth — called to attend them home

3d day 9th Occupied at the Whf & C.H. evg at home. Called to see Mother, evg at home except a call at Uncle Wm's to see Gr. M. Emerson

4th day 10th had a Party principally in compliment to Wm Angier as with many of our family circle including those of the younger class, & some of our other friends & the Rev. Mr Stetson of Medford a friend & guest of Mr Angier & Geo B. Emerson the husband of my Cousin Mary Le this interrupted much of the usual

of the day 4th
5th day 11th Gave my time to my own business & some to promoting the accommodation of my mother who is present returning to her own house in my name for want of the requisite accomodations — w.f. at home

6th day A.M. Gave some attention to the Gentlemen of Rotch's Wharf, called to see under W.m & N.R.R. in relation to it — P.M. at the M.H. house, Conf. at a private Concert by Mr. Hastings little pupils in Music, as he school room — there present were the Patrons & friend of the Scholars, — it was quite interesting — one Ed. & Sam took a part in singing & on the Flageolet & Accordion — rec'd. some Interest —

7th day 13th Spent the forenoon at the C.H. house wharf &, & went to Apthorp's P.M. rode to the Willis Lot and to Ezra Hathaway's on business connected with the Estate left by my father w.f. at home. retired early in consideration of hem. risen at an unusually

duty hours. T. A Greene called late in the ev. for the key of his house, left here during the absence of himself & family he declined a pressing invitation to remain with us as our guest

1st day 14th Attended Mtg. All at the Lyceum P.M. at our own Mtg House. Called to see Aunt Betsy Roberson and E Fisher at N. Robersons who returned with him from Phila. — the former was not at home — Thos. removed this Mtg — and little Ellen has been somewhat so through the day so that Med. advice was taken this ev.g — I stating the case to Dr. Read who is himself quite ill & confined to his bed —

2d. day 15 — Occupied in attending to my wharf business principally through the day, wrote Ed. & Frank to both — Thos & little Ellen better the former about house & out most of as usual — ev.g at home

3d. day 16th. Occupied by my wharf business & that of Rotchs' wharf C.y most of the day, remr at C.y house duties, Ev.g at Eliza Drinkers' with Ma Chas H —

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4th day 17 Attended to business at the Cg house & w.s. at home

5th day 18th Occupied as usual at the Cg house — My Cg house assistant Jas Thornton absent to attend to my bro: Wm's business during the journey of the latter with his family to the western part of the State — Mother & Eliza on a visit to Lydia at Fall River — w.s. at home

6th day 19th Called to see mother found that she did not return last w.s. the ride over being rather more than she was equal to Went at home with aunt Robeson & Fisher &

7th day 20th Attended to business as usual took the boys to cattle & swam, little Frank can support himself momentarily, w.s. at home

1st day 21 — Attended meetings at our own M.E. house, Cousin Hannah with — Anna Robeson & called after meeting sister Ann & Martha — — Mr. Prescott was here in the w.s. also A. Robeson at a later hour. Mother returned yesterday quite recovered from the

effects of her ride to Fall River —
2d day 22. Attended to my C.J. house and
whf. concerns. — some domestic cares, and
gave the boys a bath in the river — rowing
to bro: B' farm in the little boat — C.J. at
home —
3d day 23d — Attended to my C.J. house business
Adl — & for a short time P.M. — had Aunt
& Andr: Robeson Mother & Elvira & Elizabeth
Fiske to dine with us & Cousin Hannah Smith
her two daughters Ch: Sarah & Emily Georgeana Anna
& Martha Robeson at tea with Thos. Robeson
& his bride — Cousin H. Smith had a religious
opp'y and spoke to the comp'y. with great
simplicity meekness & appreciation of the impor-
tance of a right improvem't of time & talents
with reference to the present & eternal interests
of the soul
4th Day 24th Engaged Adl at the C.J. house
P.M. at my wharf operations — our brother
Edmund Price arrived to day from Newyork
on a visit social & Mercantile — Ove with the
3 elder Children & the 2 Swedish girls visited the
garden of J. Arnold in the w'p. it being opened by

36 his gardener Llewellin Jones / in the absence of his family in Europe / to the public for a fee — The Company was very numerous & of course the preparations for the walk & refreshments considerable — the weather remarkably fine for the occasion

5th Day 25th Spent the day principally in attending to my wheat business. made some Calls with Bro. Ed. in a turn by the Wheaves &c engaged till the Mg. was partly spent in superintending & assisting my men at the wheat — latter part of it at home

6th day 26 attended to Engineering Engagements principally during the day The Mg & Ev. devoted to my wheat Operations

7th Day 27th Mg & Ev. devoted to my wheat — Much of the day also similarly spent

1st Day 28th Attended meetings at our own Mg. house Cousin Hannah Smith of Phila present at both & spoke in her usual manner with great meekness simplicity & love — Aunt Robeson was also there & spoke in the afternoon — Wm. Robeson & Eliz. L. Fisher called to see us in the afternoon

2d. day 29th. Attended to my Cg. house & wharf business Att & made some calls with Ed. on business men & visited the wharves — & with him PM — Called with him Sister P & Mrs Chas H. at A. Robesons in the ev — and at A Johnsons the Confectioners on the way home

3d. day 30th — Attended to my wharf business & Uncle walked in some of the business parts of the Town with Bro. Ed — who expects to go to Boston in the Rail Road line of Conveyances to-morrow via Taunton leaving this place at 3 & arriving at Boston at about 9 Aft — Gave the boys an excursion in my small boat to their Uncle Bs farm and Ed & Fa bath & lesson in Swimming — The. being prevented sharing in the latter exercise by a sore foot occasioned by a slight cut by a shell on 1st. Day last

4th. day 31st. Spent the forenoon at Robts wharf. My own wharf. Cg. House &c took the boys to Bro. Bs farm to bathe & have practice in swimming & went up in the little boat — P. M at the wharf. Cg. house &c had Elmes Robeson. Elizr. Fishers mother Sister E & Fredk. Robeson took tea with us — Thos. Emmit & D. Read called to see him (he did not bathe to day on acct. of a

5th. day 9m. 1. Engaged at the whf & Cg. house through the day ev. at home — Benj. Rotch called — and bro. Edm. returned from Boston this ev.

6th. day 9m. 2. Engaged in my usual occupations, ev. at home

7th day 9m. 3. — At the Cg. house before breakfast, forenoon at home — Ma chose the morning hours of the return of her brother Edmund to visit her parents at New York for which place they set off a little before 12 O'clk in the stage to join the Steamboat President at Newport taking with them Rhd. Susan & little Ellen and Caroline the caretaker of the latter — Pelt took Edm. & Frank in the little boat to Benj. Jr. farm to bathe & swim and after returning remained closely occupied at the Cg house till the ev. was principally spent — Edm. & Frank had little Ch. Morgan & Henry Davis to visit them

1st. day 4th. Attended meeting Pelt at our usual place of worship — Pelt at the Unitarian Mg house, afternoon called at mother

— Mr. Mack made a short call in the eve — had the usual exercises with the children in read. the bible &c

2. day 5th Spent the day with little exception at the Cg. house Lewhans lay at home — Our family is greatly thrown by the absence of the mother & 3 of her jewels but the harassing cares which press upon me makes me but partially sensible to the privation of their society —

3. day 6th Spent the day at Cg house business with little intermission, Lewis. at home — We heard to night of the safe arrival of Rachel & Ann at her fathers in Newyork — but after a very boisterous passage (as it appeared to them) though the night was fine & weather mild —

4th. day 7th Spent the day at the work & Cg. house, and remained till the evg was partly spent — found on getting home that Isaac A Stoddard of the Navy & his wife had been here

5th. day 8th Occupied at the Cf. house & wharf throughout the day & till the ev. was somewhat advanced — The backward state in which the accts. relating to my late father's estate remain, is an incitement to devote what time I can withdraw from my workmen at the wharf & my own indispensable writing — to those accts — Sister & the Children took tea at C W Morgan's — I went to see them home late in the ev.

6th day 9th Occupied as usual at the Cf. house & till late in the ev — Sister Pd, the children took tea at Bro. Wms —

7th. day 10th. Spent the day as usual at the Cf. house & wharf — also paid of the ev.

1st. day 11th Attended Mtg. morn & ev. at the Episcopal Ch. Professor Elliott of Charleston. S. Car. preached the sermons, both of which were able and that in the ev. very interesting and impressive — called afterwards at Bro. Wms

2d. day 12th — Attended to my whf & C.J. house business — wf. at home
3d. day 13th Occupied at the C.J house & Store — Ch attended the funeral Service at our neighbor Alex. Gibbes — on acct. of the death of his little son — Our Mary had a few of her little friends to take tea with her — they passed most of the time in play the wf — at active Sports with the Swings &c in the Wood house Chamber. J.H. Morrison called
4th day 14th Engaged as usual at the C.J house & wharf — wf. principally at home —
5th day 15th Occupied at the C.J. house most of the day wf. at home — Mary visited her Sister Mrs. Georgiana Ravenel at Charleston
6th day 16th Engaged as usual at the wharf & C.J. house, took Ed. & Frank to Swim remained till rather late at the C.J house
7th day 17th called to see Jer. Winslow who is on a short visit before re-embarking with his family for France devoted the rest of the

day & part of the day to G Howes
duties. —

1st day 18th Attended meetings & Thurs
the other parts of the day at home, called
after the usual study to visit the Children
to see Mother — found her & Uncle
— A. Robeson — his son Fred[k] called
just before tea —

2. day 19th Occupied at the G house &
wharf through the day & till late in the
eve.

3d day 20th Engaged assiduously at the
G house, dep. at home, Sister being
at Bro[r] Benj[n]'s at tea. little Mary took
tea at Bro[r] Wm's with her cousin Ellen, after
taking a cold bath — for which the great
warmth of the day was favorable. Ed.
is unwell this Eve. with one of his bilious
attacks attended with severe pain at
intervals, and sickness at the stomach. —

4th day 21st Engaged as yesterday preparatory
to leaving home to morrow for New York
to accompany my Sister & Children home, Ed.
considerably relieved.

5th. day 22d. After spending the morning and most of the forenoon at the G. House &c I took my departure a little before 12 Oclk. in the Stage for Newport — Gd Hussey & family being of the Stage party — ar. at Newport about 5 Oclk — called at Wm. T. Potters and repaired onboard the Steamboat Massachusetts Capt. Comstock for Newyork on her arrival, about 6 O. clk from Providence.

6th. day 23d. after a pleasant night found ourselves near the head of the Sound at sunrise & then first discovered that J. Winslow & family were onboard the boat — landed about 8 Oclk — and had the satisfaction to find my children & our parents well — the former having had an invitation to visit Burlington sent from her Cousin Sam. Emlen. I set off with her & Thos. & Little Sue in the 10 Oclk boat for Phila — reached Amboy about ½ past 12 — took the rail road for Bordentown ar. there about 3. then went onboard the Steamboat Trenton & ar. about 4 at Burlington — found S. Emlen absent on a short ride — the weather very

warm — his housekeeper Henrietta Swiggin gave us a kind welcome, as did cousin Emlen on his return — Rowland Jones the widower of Sally Sharpless who was brought up in S. Ed. Fam. Gibbons an inmate was very kind and attentive —

4th Day 24th Walked about the town of Burlington before breakfast, and spent the forenoon with Cousin E — ma chere H having passed some years in his family when a child under the care of his admirable and excellent wife, whose name our little Susan bears, made the visit mutually interesting in an unusual degree we left them about 11 o'clk and taking the Steamboat Trenton when she arr.d at the wharf — returned by the route we came to New York; arr.d about 6 o'clk at Father Pises 220 Madn St found there our little Ellen well — walked out after tea to deliver a letter which I inadvertantly omitted to deliver at my first arrival & had the mortification to learn that the person to whom it was

address had left the City on this afternoon for Savannah —

1st day 25th Attended meet.g. A.M. & P.M. at Henry F. house called on Several of my wifes relations & friends & took tea at Jn.o Barrow Jrs.

2. day 26th Walked with Thos. before Breakfast, took him Sue & Caroline to the Museum after — called at B. & Prior's Cy Room & at another place on business & at Aunt Hazards — returned to the Museum to go home with the Children found they had departed & followed them — then took a carriage & made several calls at Shops with my chn & — and at the Astor House to see Jn.o Winslow & family — found them out, and after calling at a few places many, returned home, to dine & prepare our baggage for depart.g in the Steamboat President for home at 5. O'Clk — left Pathers at 4¼ — and the City at 5 — with a prospect of a good passage — no person of our acquaintance being among the Passengers —

3.d day 27th Ar.d at Newport at 6¼ O'Clk

breakfasted at Hazards (Townsend's preferred) and reached home about 12 o'clk and had the pleasure to find all well — all made happy by the meeting after the separation — with thankful hearts I hope in them of mature years for this comprehensive favor — I was engaged most of the afternoon in some domestic jobs — made afterwards a call on mother, found her pretty well, but her other horse, the 3d. had also been cast in the stable & was much injured the other two have died —

4th day 28th Engaged at the Cg house all through the day — the claims of my business being very pressing — must for a considerable time devote my principal attention — went to mothers in the ev'g. with my son Edmund to see our cousin Fishers, Lindley & Chs have ev'g come here ev'g. Our absence to make a short visit & attend their sister Elizabeth home — A. Roberts fam'y. & some of bro: Wms were there also by invitation. Rachel declined in consideration of her recent absence

5th. day 29th. Engaged at the C.G. house
attending meeting at home about 9 O'Clock —
6th. day 30th. — Occupied at the wharf
& C.G. house &c. W.M. at home, having
Eliz.h Fisher & her brothers Lindley & Chas. M.
at tea & Anna Rodman — Wm. R. Robeson
also in the ev.g
7th. day 1st. mo. 1st. The claims of my business in
its various departments occupied the whole
of the day & the ev.g. till a late hour at the
C.G. house —
1st. day 2d. Attended the meeting at the Lyceum
A.M. & at Spring St. P.M. — Called at
Mothers & Spent the rest of the day at home
— J. Robeson & Wm. & our neighbors Robt.
& Lydia Smith called in the ev.g. Sister
& the two elder Children attended a
part of the Bible Soc.y & its friends in the
ev.g at the Episcopal M.G. house —
2d. day 3d. Spent the day in attention to
my business in various branches much of the
time out of the C.G. house, took tea with
the family. and Spent the latter part of
the ev.g. at Mothers —

3. day 4th Engaged at the Cg house
most of the day. Wg at home
4th day 5th P.M. at the Cg house PM
superintending my men employed in
breaking assorting and putting away
the coal for the approaching season. Wg.
at the Cg. house to compensate for the
loss of the afternoon at my preceding
Cg house engagements — Called at
bro: Benj: on the way thither
5th day 6th Occupied in my ordinary
business at the Wks & Cg House till
PM attending to the men employed in getting
in my stock of coal
6th day 7th Engaged at home and at
my Wks & Cg house, the whole of the
afternoon about the job at home, wg
at the Cg house
7th day 8th a considerable portion of the
day spent about home, made a
visit to the house of Correction and
devoted the rem: of the day & the eg
to Cg house employment — called at
mothers

1st day 9th Attended a Meeting at the Lyceum Hall & again in the Ev.g Geo Freeman from Phila being there - he preached at great length & in an interesting manner on both occasions Jno Fisher came home with me from the Spring St Mtg. in the afternoon and I called on Mother when I saw Aunt Mary & Mary Clifford who have returned within a few days from their Summer residence at the Glen Jno Fisher was also there at tea &c

2d day 10th ~~Attended the Mtg of Bk Directors~~ & Spent the day & ev.g mostly as C.g house cleaning &c

3d day 11th Engaged at the Store through the day & ev.g

4th day 12 Occupied as yesterday the weather stormy & cold

5th day 13th Gave some attention to Rents what business the effect of the storm and high tide of yesterday on the old Wood work & building or the weight of the new Stone work on unfavorable & ledgy bottom occasioned about 40 feet of the

New - north wall to fall down, an accident which it will require much trouble & expense to repair — Day of principally passed at the C. house

6th day 14th Spent the day at the C. house with Mrs. Mrs. where was also Thos Ead? Lucy & Billy with most of Benj. & took tea —

A pretty Matter of Fact Journal you are reading — no sentiment — no time for either. Dear Swift miserable as he was found time when weighed the fate of empires to think of Stella — poor Stella who was perfectly unconscious of [illegible] immortality but her Preferment — My Journal an [illegible] interest —

7th 15th Employed as usual through the day & eve — till a late hour at the C. house

1st Day 16th Attended meeting with & the two elder children to the Episcopal Church. Afternoon spent with the elder

boys to Spring St. Mg — left at home
Mrs Stoddard called — also Mr Morgan
at noon —
2d day 17th My time to day has been divided
between my own business & that of Robt.
Wharp Cg — did not leave the Cg.
house till 9 in the Pm —
3d day 18th Spent the day in attention to
my ordinary business, in the Evg. attended the meeting of the Lyceum with my
Chn H & two elder sons Edmund and
Thos — the boys were admitted as minor
members of the Society — the lecture
by the Rev. Mr Chonlis on the Crusades
Soon after the lecture was concluded
there was an alarm of fire occasioned
by the conflagration of a small Carpenters Shop on Cheapside — and before
the engines had cleared to play upon the
scattered remains — a larger Shop of the
same kind was in flames corner of Bust
& 2d St — by the most prompt exertions
the Skeleton was saved but this only
the fire a light had been carefully within

either of the buildings to authorise the opinion that the fires were accidental

4th. Day 19th — Occupied as usual at the C.H. house & Wharf, & part-ly at the C.H. house

5th. Day 20th — Similar engagements to those heretofore recorded have en-gaged my mind & attention most of the day & eve.

6th. Day 21 — At the C.H. house throughout the day and at a small party in the eve. with Mr. & Mrs. Bens

7th. Day 22 — Spent the day his attention to business at the C.H. house & eve at home, Mother and Sister E. with Benj.a & Susan & Children & Mary Dris-coll & Emily Morgan being with us — at tea &c.

1st. Day 23d — Attended Meeting at Orr Spring St. House, called to see Aunt Sherry & Brother, at home the rem. of the day & eve — Albert Barney called A.M. & R.L. Purnell in the eve — Arr. from New York of the nieces & Miss Ry

Wifes mother has desired sister Phebe to go to her as soon as circumstances will permit
2. day 24th At the C.M. the Acad. P.M.
Family spent at home in consequence of the melancholy intelligence rec'd about
1 O.C.M. of the death of our mother Prior
— It was a shock for which the previous
accounts had not prepared us, and is
very distressing to us all the children her
grand children as well as her own being
strongly and tenderly attached to her
— She having ever shown a watchful
solicitude to contribute to their happi-
ness in every way, a corresponding sentiment
of love & respect was fostered in their little
breasts so that the sense of privation and
sorrow which pervades their little minds
& hearts is very painful in its effects
as indicated by the intelligible tokens
which nature prompts — The convic-
tion that she was prepared for the change
from the chequered scenes of earth to the
bliss of heaven should mitigate our sorrow
if it cannot entirely assuage our grief

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3d day 26 — Left off at 9½ Oclk. Ade in a
private carriage with Mrs Chew & sister
Phebe for New York in pursuance of the in-
tention expressed in my notes of yesterday. ar-
at Newport at 1½ PM and stopped at Town-
sends till 3 — then repaired to the head of
Long Wharf and in about half an hour
went onboard the Steamboat Narragansett
— wind very high from the North West —
the mast of the small boat broke as we
left the wharf which occasioned some
detention in waiting for her to be brought
alongside after which we continued our
course and had a smooth and pleasant
passage and arrived at New York not-
withstanding the high winds at 4½ Ade &
4th day the 27th — Remained onboard the
Steamboat till about 7 Oclk and then
took a carriage for Father Prin's dwelling
meeting J Barrow on his way to the Boat
who returned with us — Sister Betsey
and some of her cousins being with the be-
reaved family — It was a painful meet-
ing. but mutually satisfactory to be together
on the sorrowful occasion — the mortal
remains of our dear parent had a metrical and

peaceful expression. befitting the mild and christian virtues which her life so remarkably exemplified — the funeral solemnities were allotted to commence at 1 OClk — and at that hour or soon after the house was pretty generally filled by the connexions and friends of the family after a quiet hour — the procession was formed consisting of about a dozen carriages and a few on foot, and proceeded to the Cemetery of the Society. where after a solemn pause the mourners & friends standing round the grave the earth was closed over the remains of our parent Mary Prior who during a life of Seventy one years was left a bright illustration of the Christian graces in connection with an unusually deeper of intelligence improved and embellished by extensive information and a sweet urbanity of manners which gained her many friends wherever She was known and the esteem and respect of her numerous acquaintance. Several of our friends returned to the house, and others called in the course

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if the weather & the health of the family should not prevent it is the intention of Mr. Church & sister with myself as their protector to set off to-morrow to be present at the Ladies' Office on which occasion Can minister toward the remains of those entombed

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of the afternoon and evening — among the Saml. Parsons & his wife & two others from Long Island — when after a period of religious retirement the former gave expression to sentiments and reflections appropriate to the occasion and satisfactory to the individuals specially addressed with reference to the loss they had sustained

5th Day 27 — Remained principally at Father Price's — many of whose friends called

6th Day 28th Made a call or two on my Mercantile friends but spent most of my time with my father Price & family who feel very acutely the void which death has made, but who bear up under the protection with

an approximation to the desired resignation
sensible as we all are that the loss which
we feel & mourn is to her a brief transition from the clouded scenes of earth to the
unfading bliss of heaven — may we all
strive to live in such manner as that we
may safely cherish the hope of a similar
mercy to be awarded us at the end of our
mortal career — called at Aunt Hazard's
1st. day 29th — Spent the forenoon
pleasantly in towalks with reference to the
engagement of passage for myself & wife
Chartt for Newport — the probability
of a trial of speed between the boat
in which I had first concluded to go having
induced a change of determination and
engage passage in the Providence, to depart
also at 4 O. Clk PM, — remained at Father
after my return till 3½ PM — when we
took our line and went onboard —
we were detained an hour by getting
onboard Brl. & wood &c — and after
proceeding about 20 miles overtook the
other boat the Narragansett lying with

her machinery stopped — some accident having happened to her machinery which made it inexpedient for her to proceed — her passengers were put on board of our boat increasing our numbers to between 200 & 300.

1st day 30th — After a pleasant passage we arrived at Newport about 7 P.M. Sat. — took parties at Townsends — and in consideration of my chest & lacerated feelings took a private carriage for our home which we reached about 2 ½ P.M. and had the great satisfaction of finding our dear Children & their Caretakers well & with health improved since our departure, called to see Mother & sisters Anna & Sarah — the former having been somewhat indisposed by a cold since we left for Newyork — but is now rather better — being too late for meeting I remained at home with the family and — after hearing the Children in their first day exercises retired — thankful

for our safe return to the objects of our tenderest solicitude — now rendered more dependent on us for their moral & intellectual improvement, & by the absence of their excellent dear Father who remains to comfort & console her father & brother under their great privation.

2d day 31st Called to see mother, attended the Mg of Bank directors and devoted the day generally to business, Wf. at home. Sister Eliza, Anna Susan & Rebecca called to see Mr Smith who is but indifferently well — The recent bereavement having preyed upon his health.

3d day 1st mo 1 — Walked to my west 10th St and attended the Annual Assembly on the interment of Nathaniel Hathaway — and in the Wf. called on the Rev Edwd Taylor of Boston who came to give the aid of his powerful untrained eloquence at the Annual Meetg of the Port Society for the moral improvt of Seamen this Wf — in arousing an interest in the Cause among our Citizens — he had a crowded house and the attention of the audience (at the house of the 1st Christian Soc) was well sustained by the unusual

report and Mr. Taylors address for about 3 hours — a Collection was taken up at the close of the address and a permanent interest I hope will be the consequence to continue steadily in the Society if not as I hope more extended & Zealous efforts Bro Ed. accompanied me —

4th. day X2th. devoted the day to Cg home duties, usl. as home

5th. day 3 occupied as the Cg. house through the day usl. as home

6th. day 4th. Engaged through the day by my usual avocation as the rest of Cg house, also at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Port Society

7th. day 5th. Engaged as the Cg. house through the day usl at home

1st. day 6 Attended meetings at the Spring St. house & called to see Brother, usl at home, except making a short call on bro. Wm Gifford — bro. Benj. & J. S. Stoddard called to see us —

2d. day 7 — Attended the meeting of

Bank Directors and Spent the rem.
of the day at Cf. House Matters, wd. at
home the chm. H had many Calls from
Gn. friends to day — indeed Mother
who has been too susceptible of the cold
& the External air to come before since
our return from Newyork — Uncle Wm
& Aunt Ree also of the number
3d. day 8th — Spent the day in my usual
devotion to Cf house duties, wd at
the Lyceum with Thos. L Edmunds
Lecture by the Rev. E. Mudge on Intel
lectual Culture
4th. day 9th Occupied at the Cf house
through the day wd at home
5th. day Engaged as usual at the Cf house
wd at home little Ellen unwell & con-
fined to the nursery sent letters & below Stairs
6th. day 11th At the Cf. house through the
day, wd at home, Sister Eliza & Andrew
& Anna Calling and Spent the day with us
Thos. Threadgold with the Croup on his return
from School P.M. but was relieved temp-
orarily at least by the usual remedies

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7th day 12th Engaged in my ordinary duties at the Ch. house, & at a Meeting of a Comm. of the Bd of Sea
1st day 13th Attended meeting & Addressed the Seamen's Bethel Sch at Fourth Spring St. House, & at home, called to see Mrs Thos Ustwick Mrs L & And. M Robeson Spent part of the ev. with us
2d day 14th This day has been principally spent by the inhabitants of the Town in voting for or against City Officers — I took as little time as possible — but in balloting four times nearly as many hours were consumed the result is a disappointment to me in the ascendancy of the Jackson Van Buren Party — a Party which has so materially tarnished the fame of our Country by the treatment & troubles relative to the Indians and checked the prosperity of the Country by arbitrary & ignorant course of their Chief (indictment) towards the Bank of the U.S. & the consequent embarrassment of the Comm. operations & by other acts disturbing the Currency — Ch house duties absorbed

the time not spent at the Election
3d day — Spent the day principally at the C[ity] house — made several visits at the Court House being summond as a witness but was called to the Stand — w[ent] to the Lyceum and C[ity] at home — W.P. Robeson called for a few minutes on business
4th day 16th Engaged at the C[ity] house through the day w[ent] at home
5th day 17 — Spent part of the forenoon at mothers & in taking measures to recover several Silver Spoons, Ladles Stolen from S. Hammonds Chest in the basement of her house the property of S. H. — attended also the m[ee]t[ing] of Bank Directors the rem[ain]d[er] of the day at the C[ity] house, w[ent] at home
6th day 18th C[ity] house duties engaged my time principally to day w[ent] at home
7th day 19th Most of the day spent in fruitless attempts to collect money — the being a great inconvenience now experienced from the inability of the banks to grant the

usual accommodations to the Com.ty & trading Community — Afternoon pretty at the Cj house, Eve. at home 1st Day 20th Attended Mtgs. as usual Cj house AM & PM with the machine H & 5 Children AM — & the two elder boys PM — called at Aunt Mary's & Mothers eve at home. A. Robson & sister Anne called between Mtgs & A. Robson & Wife in the Eve.

2d 21st Attended the Meeting of Bank Directors and devoted the rest of the day to Cj. house business, eve at home 3d day 22d. Cj House duties occupied my time to day, eve at the Lyceum lecture by Rev. Mr. Chowles, subject Domestic Conversation, which was interesting & contained many valuable hints for practical observance both for the young & old — of much importance with respect to Social happiness & moral & intellectual culture

4th day 23d — Occupations as usual at the Cj. house, eve at home

5th Day 24th Engaged at the C[ity] house
[illegible] at the house & A. Roberson. with
James Scott who came to see about the
Survey of the Farm belonging to the Estate
of my late father at Fall River, and
on home at bro: Wm — where our Mary
took tea to attend her home and there
Rob[t] & Lemon Wells from Louisiana &
Newyork —
6th Day 25th Had Masons & carpenters &
coppersmith at work in kitchen repairg.
sink (cast iron for lead) whitewashg.
fittg. lifting pump - furnace &
my time Whole or principally given up
to the the business of the Academy &
semi annual Mtg. having occurred to day
— & from the diminished numbers and
consequent exhaustion of the income of
the fund in Salaries, a change of plan
was deemd essential — Which was refer-
red to T. A Green & Mcpelg — & involved
some unexpected embarassments, to over-
come which & preserve the honor of the
trustees required considerable thought and

Several interviews with the teachers & individual trustees which with my duties as Sec'y. of the board occupied me till very late in the evg— called at A. Robeson's W. R. R's & P. A. G.; after tea on this business - resulting in a conclusion to retain Mr. Stoddard & Miss Osgood on the responsibility of individuals of the trustees at their previous rate of Comp.n for another Quarter if a part of the probable deficit ~~compared with the last~~ of tuition fees this may not be assumed by the board as a future exp.e as a ~~doubtful~~ charge against the future income of the fund

7th day 26th Occupied at the Cy. room through the day, evg at home

1st day 27 Attended meetings AM & PM at the Brick Mtg. house, called at Mothers & Andrew's P. M. and at my nephew Thos. P. Robeson's on new neighbors who have recently formed an establishment of their own at the house corner of Spring & 8th Sts. formerly occupied by R. & S. Smith

in whose Family Sybil lived for
many years preceding her Marriage. they
are very pleasantly situated apparently
2d day 28th Engaged as usual at the Cg.
house. evg. at home
3d day 29th Cg. house duties have
again occupied my time through the
day evg. at the Lyceum, lecture on
Music by Jos. Pickett Jr — hogs
dressed to day
4th day 30th Engaged as usual in Cg. house
duties evg at home
5th day 12m 1 This is Thanks giving day
I attended the Quarterly Meeting which was
addressed at length with much ability and
power by Lindley M. Hoag a young man from
Newhampshire, on the importance and the un-
changeable nature of the Religion of the Cross
— he is 26 years old & has been several years
favorably known as a preacher — Mer-
chants did not go out, having Sister Sarahs
Children sent over to spend the day in
consequence of the Symptoms of another ac-
couchment, which took place in the aft

tenoon, & Miss Eliza Ann with another daughter — I spent the afternoon at the Ch house, & at home

6th day 2d — Occupied at the Ch house, & at home, Sister Sarahs Children except Emily) sent over to us — Sister S. & the infant pretty comfortable

7th day 3d — I have been engaged at the Ch house through the day — & at a Meeting appointed by L. M. Hoag. it was large & interesting — he spoke at considerable length & with ability on the nature & importance of Divine Worship — after which he made an impressive prayer — and a few concluding remarks —

1st day 4th attended Meeting at our own Meeting house, and at the close of the last called at Aunt Mary Mothers & A Robesons with my son Thomas — & at home in the usual exercises of reading in the bible &c — Mr Chace detained at home with a cold — Wm Robeson called between Meg

2-3d — Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors & devoted the rem. of the day to Cy. house duties, eve. at home

3d. day 6th. Engaged at the Cy. house & at home writing to St. John's relative to G. A. Cannon late boat builder at that place who left for this place very abruptly & unexpectedly. Eve. at the Lyceum, lecture by Dr. S. Weir on the Eye & some of the properties of light —

4th. day 7th. Occupied at the Cy house through the day — eve. met the Cy Com.rs at Thos. Ashtons with the other overseers of the House of Correction —

5th. day 8th — Occupied at the Cy. house except meetg. the Bank Directors in the morn.g — Eve. at home — An attack of rheumatism in the lower region of the back, the first slight symptoms being perceived this mg. has interfered much with the usual celerity of my movements to & from the Store

6th. day 9th attended to Cy. house duties through the day eve. at home — remained at the Cy. house during the usual interval for dinner on acct. of my Rheumatic affection

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7th day 10 — Occupied as usual, through the day at the Q. house & W.J. at home Dr. Read called in the W.J. in relation to the academy with reference to sending his little Son — he gave us some particulars relative to the rather sudden deaths of Paul Barney & Humphrey Russell both of whom died last night, the first from a disease of the brain and the latter from influenza acting on a System debilitated by age

1st day 11 — Attended meetings at Spring St. House, with all of the Children except little Ellen Ann, P.M. with Thos & Frank — mother remg. at home & Edm & Mary going with H. Holt to the Episcopal mtg — I called at Eliza Barneys at the close of the afternoon mtg — at H. Russells in the evg — Andw & Anna & Mr Robeson Jos. Rotch & Joanna, L & E. Mitchell & J.S. Stoddard called in the course of the day & Evg —

2d day 12 — Engaged at the Q. house except the part of the afternoon occupied by the funeral Services consequent on

the death of our neighbor H. Russell which took place at the Mg. house, evg at home. Called at Mothers.

3. day 13th Spent the forenoon at the Cg house afternoon at home and at the funeral of Paul Burney, evg at the Cg. house during the hour of the Lyceum Meeting having attended my sons Edmund & Thos. and then went on to Mast the Store, a little attention bro. the Mg to a close before I returned — mon: evg at home —

4th. day 14th. Occupied at the Cg house through the day, evg. at home.

5th. Day 15th. Spent the day in the performance of Cg. house duties principally, attended the Mg. of Bank Directors, evg at home called ~~goats~~ a few minutes at bro Benj's to attend on daughter Mary home — B. set. to day from Boston

6th. Day 16. Engaged as usual through the day at the Cg. House, evg. at home. the latter part of it duties supplemental to my Cg house avocations

7th. day 17th. Occupied at the Cg house de through the day evg. at home

1st day 18th Attended Meetings, called at C.M. Morgan's with the 3 little girls to see their aunt & the baby — Sister was pretty well and the Children were admitted to the nursery — Called after Mtg. in the afternoon at mothers, rem of the day & ev. at home —

2d day 19th Spent most of the day at the Cg. house, attended Probate Court to return and make affidavit to order of notice as Executor. — On returning from the Cg house at eve. found James Scott at my house, to consult in relation to the Survey of the farm. went with him And.w & Ch.s — to Williams where mother & Benjamin were & had a full Consultation on the width and location of the Streets which are contemplated, with reference to the improvement of the part contiguous to the River, and Village in town lots.

3d day 20th Spent the day principally at the Cg. house. Sent my horse Wellington by Anthony to Slocum's mill to be kept

and nursed by him — he being unwell & unfit to use, — Mother & Sister Eliza took tea with us, I attended the Lyceum Mg. with the boys — an alarm of fire interrupted for 10. or 15 minutes the Lecture Alvin Prescott on the Norse Literature —

4th. day 21st. A stormy day spent with little interruption at the Cf. house evg. at home except an errand to the Bank & post Office and half an hour spent in my return at the Lecture by Mr. Brooks on the Prussian System of Education. — From the noble example there exhibited of the just views & princely action on the part of the Prussian King in relation to the true interests of his subjects will result a more enviable & enduring fame than that of his most lauded predecessor Fred.k the Great — and in this matter a nearly absolute Monarch has set an example which all Countries — not excepting our own self vaunting republic for the attention given by ourselves & our ancestors from the days of the Pilgrims. may emulate with almost immeasured advantage

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5th day 22d. Spent the day at the Q. house or otherwise in attention to business. Eve at home, Coop. balls for the Children while they read Rush's notes of his residence as Minr. from at London—
6th Day 23d Attended to Q. house duties throughout the day eve. at home
7th Day 24 — Spent the day in the discharge of Q. house duties, called a moment at Mothers. and attended a lecture addressed to the young men of all classes by the Rev. Mr. Hawes of Hartford Connt. at the New Mg. House of the N. Cong. Soy This is the anniversary of my fathers death but short in the retrospect — how important to take due note of time and to improve to the best of our powers each moments when passing in its rapid flight
1st Day 25th. Attended Meetings at Friends house, the Children going to the Episcopal Church, it being Christmas and the house decorated with evergreens, a marriage there in the eve. aiding to draw a great concourse. I remained at home with the the three younger Children, Madam H still at

home with her Rheumatic affection, the domestics being all at Mg or out — Mrs Stoddard called

2d day 26th Spent the forenoon at the House of Correction auditing the accounts of the Keeper &c. Pd at the Cg. house, wf. at home

3d day 27th Attended to Cg. house duties &c and Spent the afternoon at the house of Correction auditing accounts of the master. Called at Uncle Wms to see my cousin Thos Potts & his wife from Phila — wf. at home Miss Rebecca Spent it with us. & bro Wm the latter part. — Thos D. Ellen & N. Mitchell took tea with us at tea —

4th day 28th Occupied at the Cg house &c with business relating to the house of Corn Pd — with Cg house duties wf at home called at mothers & Benj.ms on business

5th day 29 Attended to Cg. house duties through the day. wf principally at home made a call on business at the Town Coll. Office and at A. Robesons —

6th day 30th Occupied with Cg house duties thro the day, wf. at home

77th day 31st — The last day of the year has been spent in devotion to business at the C.H. house &c, &c. at home, except a couple of errands to the book sellers to try to find a few trifling presents. & to bro. Wm's to attend our 3 elder children who took tea there. S R. Morgan & his cousin Charles now spending the Christmas vacation here dined with us

1st day 1st mo. 1837 A new year has opened upon us — reminding us that time is rapidly on the wing and thro' the importance of its best improvement, may I more & more strive for this, that no day may pass with leaving some memento behind it not only in the discharge of the outward acts incident to life & its social relations but in point of intellectual & moral progress — I attended Meetings, with the 3 boys Asleep — Called at the Close of the second to see Sister Sarah whom I had not seen since her confinement, She is advancing though rather slowly towards her ordinary Standard of Health. usually taking her meals below Stairs with the family

called also on mothers & a moment at Benj^m — Wm P Robeson called here in the eve — The Children home had a day of excitement in receiving New years presents

2^d. day 2^d - attended to Cg. house duties through the day eve at home and to a very late hour in continuation of the same, called on mothers — bro: W^m's daughter Ellen took tea with us

3^d. day 3^d. Occupied at the Cg. house through the day eve. at the Lyceum Lecture and at home — M^r. Stoddard & bro: And^w called after the lecture

4^th. day 4^th Devoted the day to Cg house employments, eve. at home Sister Susan & her daughter Eliz^th took tea with us ~~5^th day~~ had M^r of Scholars at the Acad^y sent to me as a trustee to me for reproof —

5^th. day 5^th Occupied as usual with Cg house duties Eve. at home — Miss Haywood of the Academy took tea with us — to my regret I was late at the Store than I had since been —

6^th. day 6^th. Employed at the Cg house through the day. Eve. at home

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7th day 7 Spent the day at the Cg house but effected comparatively nothing having been principally occupied in attempting to Analyze and arrange for entry under their appropriate heads a long account of a Mechanic illegibly written. Evg. at home

1st day 8th Attended meeting A.M. and P.M. in the afternoon accompanied my wife & children to the Episcopal Ch. little Frank kept at home on acct. of a cold. called to see Newton after the last mtg. and spent the evg. at home ——

2d day 9th Went to Fall River to attend the Annual Mtg of the Pleasant Mtg. Cg. left home about 6 O'Clk — dined at my sister Ruggles and after looking over the West part of the farm and Mr. Print Works returned home which I reached about 7 O'Clk

3d day 10th Occupied at the Cg house through the day evg at home after the Lecture at the Lyceum which I attended with my sons, by Jno. Williams on Animal Magnetism a novel & curious subject which makes strong claims on the credulity of its advocates

4th day 11th Engaged as usual at the C.J. house W.J. at home Sister E took tea with us and Andw called in the ev.

5th Day 12th Spent the forenoon at the C.J. house. Afternoon mostly spent in aiding the Masons in making an alteration of our cooking arrangements. W.J. at home Sister E. again with us at tea — P.M. at Spring Mr Stoddard & Sister Rebecca called

6th day 13th. Spent the forenoon at home superintending the workmen in fitting up Stanley improved rotary cooking Stove for coal and arranging for warming the dining room by means of 2 Cylinders in the fire place over it. Afternoon partly spent in going to the fitting up of the Stove for which the present was substituted in the house at my wharf — W.J. at home Mr Morrison took tea & spent the evg. Mr Stoddard came in the latter

Evening Mary Eaton &c

7th day 14th Attended to C.J. house duties through the day. W.J. at home. Have the drums or radiators set in the dining room fire place this afternoon communica-

ting with the Kitchen Stove. Called late in the ev'g on Cath. Morgan's to attend on daughter Mary Jane — She having drank too much

1st day 15th Attended Meeting AM & PM at the Episcopal Church with our children & Mary & Thomas & Jane — Ed & Frank remained at home on acct. of colds. Pell went to Friends Mg with the others except little Jane — Eliz: & Wm Rodman called to take leave as did bro: Benj & Sister Susan Pell, — they expecting to leave for Boston to spend the Winter or to remain during the Session of the Legislature, ev'g at home till the usual exercises of reading with the Children were over and then called to see Mother — The weather quite cold but our new warming appⁿ answered to keep the Dining room pleasantly warm so as to make it probable that no further use of the Stove in that room will be required

2d day 16th Occupied at the ev'g home through the day ev'g at home —

3d day 17th Engaged through the day at the ev'g home, called a moment at mother's — and attended the Lecture at the Lyceum in

the Legislature delivered by C. Washington on the Notials Fishery — repaired afterward for a short time to the C.J. house

4th. day 18th Occupied at the C.J. house throughout the day, Evg at home — This Evening the 13th. anniversary of the birth of our Children they had on the occasion a small assemblage of their Cousins. Wm. Andw & William and Rodman Rotch came in the Evg. to attend their daughters & sister home Sister Eliza was also with us

5th. day 19th Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors & afterward to C.J. house until through the day, Evg. at home —

6th. day 20 Occupied at the C.J. house through the day Evg. at home Mother & Sister Eliza took tea with us

7th. day 21st — Occupied as usual at the C.J. house through the day, Evg. at home. the late long course of pleasant weather being succeeded to day by a violent N.E. Storm beginning with snow and followed by rain through the afternoon and Evg — may a kind providence protect the helpless Mariner on the eastern coast

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1st Day 22d Attended Meeting A.M & P.M at Friends Mg. the 3 boys accompanying me in the forenoon and the 2 elder in the afternoon the weather being unpleasant Ma chose to and the girls remained at home, called towards eve at aunt Mary's & Mothers. found my aunt at my mothers. Ed[d] with Me — Eng at home

2d day 23d — Devoted the day to Cg home duties. Cg at home. called at mothers to report respecting two applicants for a place in her service — after making enquiry of their present & former employers

3d day 24th Attended to Cg home duties throughout the day Cg at home after the Lyceum Lecture which was delivered by Wendall Phillips of Boston. a very fine lecture on the undue prominence of young men in our literature & politics — called afterward to attend on daughter Mary from her uncle Williams — little Ellen confined to the nursery by a cold

4th day 25th Spent the Mg before breakfast in providing for and promoting the departure

of a young woman who has been living in
my mothers family (Catharine Billings) in New
York where she came. afterwards occupied
with C. & some duties through the day
in the ev. attended the adjourned meeting
of the Lyceum to hear a second lecture
from Wendall Phillips — which was princi-
pally extemporary, on the recent results of
the researches of scientific men which seem
to warrant the belief that in an age of the
world before the date of our earliest profane
History a State of Civilization & perfection
in the arts was attained which the boasted
improvements of the present age have
not equalled. He also showed that most
of the most important discoveries of modern
times were the result of the casual obser-
vation of practical men or accidental
occurrences or combinations. following out
the suggestions of isolated facts to most val-
uable discoveries or inventions — he also
dwelt to some extent of the properties of
the atmosphere and its numerous indispensable
functions as connected with the animal & vegetable

life with a glance at some of the pneumatic apparatus particularly to Daniells Hygrometer — which was also cited as an illustration of his former remarks on the discoveries or inventions of unedu-cated or practical men. There was also without the Hall of the Lyceum in very vivid and partially over colored Auroras, a very interesting ocular exhibition of atmospheric phenomina — My son Edmund only accompanied me to the Lecture. Thos. not being inclined to go.

5th day 26th Engaged at the G.J. House & through the day, was at home, little Ellen still confined to the nursery though more as a measure of prudence than necessity — She is of so sweet and docile a temper that she is happy in her confinement — but with the idea of liberty she cannot resist the inclination to range from room to room as her infantile curiosity and activity prompt which involves too much exposure for safety — Called to see Aunt Mary as her regret evidenced by inconvenience caused by formation of ice about the

Mansion house stopping the drain from the cellar and damming the water which rises there —

6th. day 27 Attended to Cg. house duties through the day and at a meeting of the Port Soc. y (the Executive Board) in the evg. Mr. Stoddard took tea with us and remained through the evg.

5th day 28th Engaged through the day in the discharge of Cg. house duties &c and in the evg. attended a meeting of a Comtee of the Port Society. at the Merchants Insurance office. Little Ellen permitted to be somewhat relaxed from the nursery her cold being better. — Ann Hett considerably indisposed by a cold

1st. day 29th Attended meeting AM at the Mariners Church and before and after distributed Copies of the 7th Annual Report with reference to the duty assigned me as one of the Comtee of the Port Society. afternoon attended Mg. at the Unitarian Mg. house with my two elder boys to hear a sermon from our friend Jno H. Morison, then called at Mothers & went to several places to obtain some

information relative to a man who wants a situation in her service — David Coffin called and spent the evening with us which interrupted the usual reading with the Children on this eve of the week. Had callers between or after meetings from Journal of our family circle.

2d. day 30th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and devoted the day to Cg. home duties, which I continued at home in the eve. Our little Ellen was allowed to take her breakfast with the family to day — her cold being nearly over.

3d. day 31st Went to Fall River to attend the annual meeting of the Troy Woollen & Cotton Manufg. Co. made several calls on the Debtors of my father's estate, dined at Micah's, attended the Mg. — and reached home about ½ past 6 o'clock — then went to the Lyceum to hear the Rev. S. Holmes's lecture on Radicalism & Ultraism our sons did not go — they would have been entertained & somewhat instructed if they had gone — Sister Eliza took tea with us & Andw called for a few minutes in the eve.

4th. Day 2 P.M. Spent the forenoon in the service of the Port Society as one of a Comtee of five to call on the agents of Ship Owners to get their assent if possible to the contribution of one cent P. Ton for the Tonnage they severally respectively P.M. at the Cy house but not very effectively the Plenty of the Dock by from the Ice by the Carpenters taking my attention considerably from the Desk — Eat at home — our nieces Anna Robinson & Ellen & Martha Robeson took tea with us —

5th. Day 2. — Attended the M.J. of Bank Directors and gave the nem. & the day principally to Cy. home duties eat at home. Mrs Church considerably indisposed so as to make her scarcely competent to the cares & duties that press upon her — Andw & Wm Robeson called in the eve.

6th. Day 3. Occupied through the day at the Cy house eat at home, Sister Anna took tea with us and Andrew Came in the eve — Edm'd & Mary went to T. D Elliots to hear Tis sister play on the Guitar in the eve by invitation from our neighbor E. Mitchell.

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89 4th day 4th Devoted the day to the business of Potts' Wharf Co in preparing the books and accounts for the annual meeting & attended G. C. meeting at Wm Potts Jr's Office — wf. also employed at the Co. house in reference to the same concern

1st day 5th Attended Friends Meeting in the morning and at the Mariners Church in the afternoon and then accompanied Mr Mudge and attended the Services at the House of Correction, called subsequently at C. M. Morgans & at Mathews — the 3 boys attended at the Church & the Lads the two elder at the former & Edi at the latter Call wf. at home Wm Robeson Called

2d day 6th Occupied A.M. in finishing up the records & Acct. books &c of the Potts Wh. Co. of the late annual meeting & the past year — afternoon at my own Co. house duties, wf. at home. Mr Stoddard spent the ev. with us — The sudden death of his infant daughter is quite a heavy sorrow

3. Day 7th Occupied through the Day with Counting house business, Eve at the Lyceum Lecture by P. G. Seabury on Organic Remains, Called afterward for a few minute at A. Roberts on business —
The Ship Padman Capt. Davis from the Pacific Ocean arr. At the Dock with about 2/3 of a Cargo —
4th. Day 8th. Spent the day in attention to C. home duties and in the Eve. went with my Son Thos. to hear the Rev. E. T. Taylor of Boston deliver a Lecture on Temperance before the two Lem. Societies of this Town at the Baptist Church corner of Purchase & Mid. St — That large house was quite full and the attention of the large audience was fixed and sustained till near 9 o Clock — Edmund is dist. at home there two days with a cold —
5th. Day 9th attended to C. home duties through the day, the Mg. of Bank Directors in the morning and a Special meeting of the Trustees of Friends Acady in the Eve. resulting in conclusion to continue the School as at

present for another quarter

6th day 10 — Spent the day in relation to City home duties, most of it in endeavouring to effect an adjustment of accounts current with A. Robeson — a difference of views prevented our coming to an agreement, and the point is referred to W. R. Rodman. — I & Stoddard of the Acady took tea and spent the eve. with us —

7th day 11th Spent the chiefly in witnessing and aid in the new mode of dislodging ice from Docks and harbors first successfully practiced a few days since at Nantucket when the harbor was entirely cleared with great despatch and at very trifle expense — the experiment was 1st made here in the dock between my & Geo Howland's wharf which was quite satisfactory, two explosions were then made in the dock between Haz- and Wharf & J & J. Howlands which was quite effectual in clearing off the ice and liberating the Ship Franklin so that she was hauled above the bridge to repair. They then returned to my dock and made two

explosions wide out towards the open water
west of Popis Island. but the ice being but
about 4 inches thick it was not so difficult
and recourse was had to cutting, breaking
by the use of my Canoe boat to the outer mar-
gin & then by handspikes & poles the cracks
made by the powder were opened and
large sheets detached in the mean time
several explosions had been made further in
so that with a little more cutting after
dinner the mouth of the dock was opened
and a few more explosions so broke the
ice in that the whole dock was cleared
before about the middle of the afternoon —
the northerly projection at the end of G. Howlands
wharf made it necessary to push the masses
of ice by which consumed much of the time in
the afternoon — I also took measures to
get some of Rodmans Head Oil to the Try
works — to insure the utmost despatch in
preparing it for freezing — the advanced stage
of the winter making this important. Mr.
Chenett and little Sue took a ride in mother
Carriage she having called for them, Eng. at home.

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1st day 12th Attended Meetings, and called towards eve. to see Aunt Mary & Mother the rest of the day & Eve. at home with me Chas H & the children reading & conversing in books and on topics appropriate to the day — having reference to our moral and Religious improvement —
2d day 13th Attended the Mg of Bank Directors and spent the rest of the day in Cg. House duties eve. at home —
3d day 14 Spent the forenoon in business attentions from the Cg. House, Pd at the Cg House, attended in the eve P.G. Seaburys 2d. lecture on the Antediluvian remains — on little Ellen had a threatening of the Croup last night which occasioned her Mother to be up considerably with her she seems better to day —
4th day 15th Occupied through the day at the Cg house & eve. at home, continuing my Cg. House Calculations. Sister Eliza took tea and spent the eve. with us —
5th day 16 Attended to business through the day at the Cg. House &c and continued

my Calculations at home in the coy — Mrs Chas H much oppressed with a cold. the result of her attentions to little Ellen on 2. day night — the latter is better but from the difficulty of guarding her from improper exposure she is still kept in the Nursery

6th Day 17th Attended to business in writing at home and at the Cy. House Alle — Attended the funeral Services at Thomas Mandells on the death of his eldest Son in the afternoon and then finished the day at the Cy. house. and spent the ev. in writing at home. Mrs Chas H continues much oppressed with her cold

7th Day 18th Spent the day at the Cy. House. ev. with the family at home — Mrs Chas H. better reading to the Children from the Memoires of Mad. Genlis relating to the education of the Children of the Duke of Orleans one of whom Louis Phillip is now King of the French — Her good sense, as well as talent are strikingly illustrated in her management of them — The Children took a ride in the Sleigh — the first good opportunity which the Winter has afforded for this recreation

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1st day 19th Attended meetings at the house of
our own Society — called in the afternoon to
see mother — and passed the remr of the day
at home read[g] & conversing with the Children
wf also thus passed — ma Chas H is better
better but still must remain with a cold
2d Day 20th Spent the forenoon at the C.H. House
afternoon principally in relation to the Ship
Charles which arrived about noon — from the
Pacific Ocean, absent about 38 months —
measures being necessary to get her over the
flat at high Water in the W[f] and to
clear away Wharf dock & the passage to it
as well as the Channel to the lower
Wharves of ice to admit her entry to-
gether with the 3 other Ships which
also arrived last night and yesterday
wf at home — Sister E Spent it with
us —
3d day 21st Occupied in relation to the Ships
at the Counting house &c Through the day —
Capt. Morselander dined with us —
4th Day 22d Engaged at the Wharf and C.H.
house through the day and till dark

in aiding the men who were clearing the dock of Ice to admit the Charles — Mother & Sister Eliza and their inmate Benj^n Barney Coffin, a distant Cousin formerly from the Northern part of the State of New York now a botanic Doctor residing here. whose Circumstances are very moderate & to whom therefore my mother gives a home — took tea with us —

5^th Day 23. Occupied through the day with business at the Whf & C.J. house connected with the arrival of the Ship Ch^s, w.f. at home w.f. at home — I.A. Stoddard of the Academy took tea and spent the ev^g with us

6^th Day 24^th. Spent the day in superintending the business of the Ships Charles at the C.J. house Wharf &c — At very late notice I attempted to attend a meeting of the Ex^ve Bd. of the Port Soc^y. but found for similar omission of notice or other causes that but few had attended and the M^g. had adjourned ~~without doing any business~~ — went subsequently to Andrews to converse on business relating to the Bellevue Estate at Newport

97 7th. 25th. Attended to C.J. hours devoted to the business relating to the Charles through the day - which was protracted on my part into the ev.g - in dislodging the ice which had formed in the dock the last 36 hours - rem.d the ev.g at home

1st day 26th Attended. Spring Street Mo forenoon & afternoon called after the last to see poor old Isaac Simon who is sick & has been so for many weeks without a prospect of speedy improvement - Called & Edd & Tho.s ce J.n.o. reversed to see mother - the rest of the day & ev.g. spent in reading with the children &c on subjects appropriate to the day

2d. day 27th Occupied through the day at the C.J. house. Ev.g. at home. Francis confined with a cold to the nursery -

3d day 28th Attended to C.J. hours business through the day & in the ev.g went to a Mg of the Hon.e Societies of this Town. Miscellaneous with Paintings in the same Cause throughout this Country & Great Britain &c - It was well attended and interesting & I trust will do good to this important cause

4th. day 3d mo 7— Spent the forenoon principally at the C.J. house afternoon there & at Fairhaven & D. Coffins Office &c — W. Jun.r. at D. Coffins house on business connected with the Estate of my dec.d father — our nieces Ellen & Isabel, with Walter Mitchell & Wm. Read visited our children this afternoon & eve.g

5th. day 2— Attended the Mng. of Bank Directors & Spent the rem.r of the day at the C.J. house took tea with ~~this~~ our chil.n & and the Children except little Ellen, who was there also at an earlier part of the day, at bro. Williams —

6th. day 3. Occupied through the day with Counting house duties eve.g at home — ~~Sister Eliza took tea with us~~ —

7th Day 4th. Spent the day in attending to business at the C.J. house & Wharf, eve.g. at the C.J. house called late to attend our daughter Mary from her Uncle Robeson's — as she had previously left with her other cousins under the protection of her Uncle &c I remained some time there and afterwards made a call of a few minutes on Wolfe Prescott at his lodgings — Thomas confined to the house with a cold

1st day 5th — Attended Meeting at 11 at the Lyceum, and in the afternoon at our usual place of worship — called at the close of the last at Mothers who was detained at home with a cold. Edmund & Fr. accompanying me who were my companions at both Meetings — Mary & Sue were out in the Wg. — Thos. confined with a bad Cold & the chir H. by his rheumatic affection — Wf. at home

2d day 6th Occupied through the day in attending to my business at the Wharf. Of home. Be except a short time devoted to the objects of the Port Society — evg at home in the early part, latter part of the Evg should occasioned by an accidental omission to take Home a letter which required an answer —

3d day 7th Occupied principally in business at the Wharf & Office, attended the lecture at the Lyceum — subject Monomania — Our family circle strictly speaking is temporarily added by the absence of our daughter Mary who is on a visit of a few days at her Uncle Wms

4th day 8th occupied through the day & ev. at the C.H. house. in preparation for the settlement of the Ch. Voyage to morrow. and continuing Calculations at home till a very late hour

5th day 9th Many pressing engagements at the C.H. house detained me at the C.H. house through the day and eve.

6th day 10th Still occupied with little intermission in C.H. house duties through the day & eve. —

7th day 11th Spent the forenoon at the C.H. house Pilot went to Dartmouth on business of the Estate of my father, returned to the C.H. house, and also spent the ev there on business with Capt. Moorlander — Our Nephew Thos T. Mobersons Wife presented him with twins a son & daughter this day. an event of much interest to his friends, the more in consideration of the previous very delicate health of the mother.

1st day 12 — Attended meeting A.M. & P.M. at the Unitarian M.H. house, took tea chez H & Ed — and heard two very excellent discourses from Jno H. Morison an personal friend

a man of very fine talents and highly devotional spirit — called a few minutes at Mathews after making an engagement at the Store to get an acct. to transmit to one of the Seamen of the Chelsea at a meeting at the Baptist Church in Wm St. to hear a Sermon by J. O Choules on the claims of Seamen to the aid and kind attention of other classes of the Community —

Wm R. Roberson Called

2d 13th Occupied with C[ity] house duties throughout the day & Eve —

3d day 14th Engaged at the C[ity] house throughout the day — Eve. at home — Miss Dow. drank tea with us & Mr. Morrison spent the eve. with us

4th day 15th Occupied with little intermission by C[ity] house duties Eve. at home. Little Ellen made her second visit to Wm. A Wales room for her picture

5th day 16th Occupied by C[ity] House duties throughout the forenoon. E.M. went to Dartmouth with A Roberson & Sister Elvira to see S. Chadwick relative to the claim

which the Estate has on his houses and land — attended a Meetg. in the evg. to hear a temp. Lecture by the Rev. Coleman called — afterward at Mothers to attend little Mary home

6th. day 17th. Occupied by Cg home duties through the day. evg. at home Mr. Stoddard called.

7th. day 18th. Principally occupied at the Cg home but part of the day spent in advising with the Masons &c who were making some alteration in the mode of warming the Library and Nursery by removg. Pierpoints Stove grate from the former to the latter and substituting one of a larger size and somewhat differently placed in the former room, evg. at home

1st. Day. 19th. Attended Friends meeting forenoon & afternoon, called to my Cousin Peter Barney who has been for 5 years confined to his house with paralysis. My cousin Mary Rotch died this day after a lingering illness & slow decline, evg at home

2d. day 20 Spent the day (frustrated into

the wf.) in C.H. house occupations —
The Painters commenced preparing for painting over the Nursery and painting the front entry to the 3d Story.
3d. day 21 — Occupied at the C.H. house All P.M attended the funeral services & funeral of Cousin Dolly Porter, attended the Mtg. of the Lyceum in the W.H. and heard a letter from L. D Ellis, on the Schools of Lind & Epicurus —
4th. day 22d. Occupied through the day with C.H. house duties, and continued them as usual through the wf — Mary Spade who has been sick a couple of days, & our dear little Ellen are better
5th. day 23d. Occupied through the day at the C.H. House wf. at home —
6th day 24th — Spent the day & Evg principally at the C.H. house. Called at mothers after dinner to see Sister Lydia who with her husband & little Mary have been here since 4th day afternoon on a visit though we did not know of it the weather having been stormy till to day

When they called here, but without seeing us as Ma chen it was out on errands of family importance — Called late at Wm's to attend our Many home where Sister Lydia de were at tea & we with Mother & Edna

7th. day 25th. Occupied at the Cg house most of the forenoon. Called to see Sister Lydia & at Mothers but did not see her as they was out — attended the funeral services at the house of the late Abm Russell in consequence of his death — continued my work at the Cg. House till the evg. was nearly spent — The new resolution of the Mechanics to require payment for their labor every 7th day evg. imposing considerable extra duty, on each of the numerous Carpenters on the Charles, and the novelty of the system —

1st. Day 26th. attended meetings, called at Widow Mary Tolers and at Mothers and spent the rest of the day at home, read. to & with the Children — Little Ellen yet continues under D. Reads. care — She seems generally pleasant and free from pain but the symptoms of disease do not disappear —

2d. day 27th. Occupied at the C.J. house through the day ~~and~~ at the Store & till the w.j. was nearly Spent — our little Ellen Seems to be rather better

3d. day 28th. My engagements at the C.J. house occupied the day protracted till the w.j. was nearly Spent — Mr. Stoddard was here — Little Ellen appears to improve

4th. Day 29 Occupied through the day which was protracted till the w.j. was nearly Spent at the Counting house —

5th. Day 30th. Attended the Bank m.g. — and afterwards applied myself to business at the C.J. House relating to a suit by one of the men belonging to the Ship Charles against the 1st. Officer for an alleged injury — which from all that I can ascertain was very Slight and that if the whole truth were known it wd. show that the men had given much more reason for complaint ag.st him for misconduct. rem.d thus occupied till the w.j. was nearly Spent — found Anne & E.M. Gifford had Spent the w.j with us & Chen & the Children

6th. day 31 Engaged at the C.J. house &

through most of the day & till the ev. was nearly spent, called at Andrews twice on errands - found Sister Anna confined to the Sofa with a lame foot. Our little Ellen went again to W. St Walls Painty. room

4th Day 4th Mo. Spent the day in the discharge of Cy. house duties, which were protracted till late in the ev.

1st Day 2 - Attended meetings - called at C. Forsons, a man who had expected to fill the place in our service to be vacated at the close of this week by J. Dant - found him unwell to attend to his engagement called also at the Widow Mary Tabers, at Mothers' Andrews & Charles', the latter in the ev. - rec'd of the day & left Cy & family well

2d. day 3 - Occupied principally at the Cy Room - Called with two daughters and a grandson of the late Nathan Tabor at Judge Prescotts Office relative assuming the trust of Guardian to the two youngest and in receiving conveyance in trust of the property of the

Father — at neither a late hour went & joined at Roberson's family, at tea where were Mac Lean H & Mary —

3d. day 4th. Occupied at the Cf house through the day & eve returned after it was about to tea — called at Mothers & Mr. Drews & in reference to a Deficient Carpet pattern

4th. day 5th. Engaged at the Cf House & through the day — eve. at home, made an ineffectual attempt to attend a lecture on the Coast and antient Cities of Palestine & but were too late

5th. day 6th. attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Soc. of Friends or the first part of it and was occupied at the Cf. house the rem: of the day, & e. at the Lecture on Egypt & Palestine

6th. day 7th. Engaged through the day at the Cf house eve. at the lecture on Egypt & Palestine

7th. Day 8th. Engaged at home Arth. the weather being Stormy in Calculations relating to the Estate of my late father, & at the Cf House & e. at the last lecture of course

On Egypt & Palestine

1st Day 9th Attended Mg. At the Friends Mtg - Pd at the Episcopal with Mrs Chen H & Children. Called after mtg. to see Aunt Nancy Rotch now solitary from the death of cousin Polly, after tea called at Mrs Russells' Family on a visit of condolence on acct. of his death with Mrs Chen H. - Daptized and called to see D. Coffin who has been quite unwell for the last month - also at Mattfield and Mrs
2 Day 10th Engaged through the day with Cg. house duties. by which & rather by a person calling them on business I was detained till the Mg. was partly spent. Alfred & Ellen Rodman I found here a day
3. day 11th Occupied at the Cg house and in superintending operations at my wharf till somewhat late in the eve -
4th. Day 12 Engaged at the Cg House. Detained through the day mg. at home writing in reference to the law suit brot. by one of the men of the Charles against the Master & Ow. Ship

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5th day 13th engaged at the C.J. house most of the day eve. at home at a rather late hour from the C.J. house
6th day 14th Engaged most of the day at the house, making Schedules of the real Est. & C.J. by my father with a view to a division of it among the heirs — wrote also on other business till a late hour — Mr. Stoddard spent the eve. with us — The 4 oldest Children with D. Reads' fam. at the Mtg House of this Society to hear their New Organ with the usual vocal accompaniments —
7th day 15th occupied at the C.J. house why in part in relation to my Sons which I have under repairs — Called to see Mary Taber and her daughter Delia Clapp Taber to whom I stand as Guardian. relative to the subject of Send. her to Friends Boarding School at Providence if she can be admitted. ~~Eve. at~~ which with the incidental enquiries &c consumed most of the forenoon Eve. at home — our Nieces Anna & Ellen Rodman & Rodman & Isabel Morgan being here at tea — Bro. Wm called for his Children near the close of the eve —

1st day 16 — Attended Meetings, and called after the last to see Aunt Mary Mother & Sister Anna — Bro Edmund remaining at home all day in consequence of Colds —

2d day 17th Occupied principally at the C.J. House & Wharf & Shore where my Scows are repairing, detained through the day at the C.J. House —

3d day 18th Engaged as usual at the C.J. house &c, C.J. at the C.J. house, copying the 4th Day Constitution of the N.B. Port Society at the instance of a friend at Nantucket where the subject of a Seaman's Society is under consideration

4th day 19th Occupied at the C.J. Room &c Attended also there and at the Wharf — Shore where my Scows are under repairs &c in the afternoon and till the C.J. was partially spent

5th day 20th At the C.J. house &c till late part of the afternoon. My father in Law, Sister Phebe & Bro. Edmund arriving about noon from New York, the two former to remain with us through the Summer & perhaps for a longer period — called to see Aunt Mary on some of her business. — C.J. at home after being out.

by Several objects requiring my attention
at the Bank —
6th day 21st Engaged by my business at the
Cf house late through the day & with
Cf house business till the Wf was Spent
4th day 22d Occupied by my business through
the day & Wf. — Settling my Yearly Expenses
&c &c
5th day 23d — Attended Meetings forenoon
and afternoon at Friends House of Worship
took a walk into the Country before Din-
ner and Spent the remt of the day at home
except making a call late in the Wf. at
Bro. Williams in relation to the gloomy
aspect of affairs connected with money &
Credit — Sister Sarah & A Robeson Junr & Senr
called to See Father Prior Sister Ed —
2d day 24th Attended the Meeting of Bank Directors
where things wore a somewhat gloomy aspect
though not to the extent of my own forebodings
afterwards attended to Cf house business which at-
tention was contd through the day and till the
Wf was partially Spent. Called at Mothers &
Benjamins in reference to the Real Estate of my

father before night — rem. of the ev. at home — a person in Town from N York ill with small pox —

3d. day 25th Occupied at the Cg house through the day & the first part of the ev. — rem. at home — Mother called to Father Price's

4th day 26 — Engaged at the Cg house & through the day ev. — at a meeting of the trustees of Friends Academy held at Wm Rotch jr Office

5th 27th — Occupied at home — All principally in relation to the Academy recording the proceedings of the meeting last ev &c Spent the afternoon in attending to Count house duties

Fifth day at A. Roberts Town ev. at Mothers with the other heirs of my father relative to a division of the Real Estate, the preliminaries of which as far as those present were concerned were amicably and satisfactorily settled Sister Sarah was there the former part of the ev. her husband absent at Boston.

6th day 28th Spent the forenoon mostly at home in relation to my fathers estate. gave some attention in the afternoon to the Mansion house pump at request of my Aunt Mary, and devoted the rem. of the

day to C.J. home duties & W.J. at the Quarterly Mtg. of the Port Society — taking a number of Water &c at Sister Annas on the way —

7th day 29th Engaged in C.J. home duties most of the day and Eve.g. principally at the Store of C.W. M. Pell — the out of door Concerns at my Wharf also took up some of the day — Aunt Mary called to see Father Prior & Sister.

1st day 30th — Attended Meetings with all the Children in the forenoon. Sister P taking little Ellen with her, for the first time, and She behaved with beautiful docility & infantile simplicity causing no disturbance — Called after dinner with bro: Ed.d to see mother, also called to see friend Mitchell at our Neighbors P. A. Greens —

2d day 5 mo. 1 — Occupied principally at the C.J. home — My wife brother Edmund left us to day for Newyork — at Brothers in the Evg. with some of the other heirs in reference to the division of the Estate lately made. C.W. M. not having been present on the other occasion

3d. day 2d — Spent the day & evg. principally at the Cg. house in discharge of the duties appropriate to the place and in attention to my business at the Wharf — retd to tea after the evg. was spent

4th. day 3d. Occupied at the Cg house most of the day — more perhaps in giving audience and attending to the business of others who called upon me than to my own, called on the Owners of the Chas in relation to the muster for the next voyage and with that view after a late dinner went to see D. Coffin who I was not able to see in the day

5th. day 4th — Engaged A.M at the Cg. house P.M about my garden & farm. operations and in getting my 3 Scows from the Shore where they have been under repairs — detained at this job with the usual care of the Cg. house till 10 Oclk — Several of our nephews & nieces took tea with the family

6th. day 5th Occupied considerably at the wh. in attention to my Scows, called at Mary Tabers Mothers & sister Annas — rem. of the day at the Cg. house &c, left us home after 8 Oclk — Mr. Stoddard called —

115 4th. day 6th Engaged at the C[ity] house through
out the day with little exception. The stagna-
tion of business and prostration of Credit makes
me very anxious to get on with the accounts
relating to my fathers Estate which are sadly
in arrears

1st. day 7th Attended meetings. Benj[a] Kite &
Phil[a]. present and preached two good sermons
I accompanied Harriet to the Wharf to em-
bark for Newport — but the wind being
high & not fair after proceeding nearly
half way the vessel returned — walked to
Mary N[o]. Potts before Breakfast & spent
the rem[r]. of the day at home — Father Pris
continues feeble and afflicted with Rheu-
matic Pains —

2d. day 8th Attended the Bank meeting of Di-
rectors, which was gloomy from extreme em-
barrassment in the Commercial community
now beginning seriously to affect this place —
through the failure of D. W. Morgan of Phil[a]
Wm. & Charles having left on 7th. day for that
City in consequence — Spent the rem[r]. of the
day & ev[g]. at the C[ity] house —

3 day 9th — Engaged at the Cf. house through the day — and eve. till about 9 Oclk. found Bro. B. here on my return

4th day 10th Occupied most of the day about home & superintend. the repairs of the kitchen stove furnace, the clean. of the bath Room furnace flue, the cleaning of the Cis pool of the Sink drain in the Cellar, and the Cis pool of the Sink drain of the house on 7th Street — gave about 3 hours to Cf. house business in the forenoon and between 2 & 3 in the aft — having had the unusual pleasure, of late, of taking tea with my fam. — called at Mothers to have our 2d Story Entry lamp. her's having been broken and the pattern one of a former fashion.

5th day 11th Spent the day in attention to Cf. house duties, except the time consumed in the usual and unusual Mtgs. of Bank Directors, the latter induced by the intelligence of the Banks in New York having Suspended Specie Payments — which the fear will occasion a run upon Ours which will make the Same measure tempora-

July unavoidable — had a great Meeting of the Bank Directors at Jos Grinnells house in this city — on the Subject 6th day 12 — Attended a Gen. Meeting of the Bank Directors of this place & Fairhaven at 3 P. M. — Intelligence have been rec'd by express from Boston that the Banks there had suspended Specie payments — and after discussion it was unanimously voted to do the same here. devoted the rem. of the day to Co house duties & attended another Meeting at 7 PM to hear the report of the delegates who went this Mg. to Boston — Their report was confirmatory of the intelligence before rec'd — and a better prospect — or temporary relief at least is anticipated from the measure now adopted as far as information has been rec'd 7th day Occupied at the Co house & through the day & eve. or otherwise in the investigation & prosecution of my business except part of the forenoon in writing at home — Called at Mothers & at A. Roberson's —

1st Day 14th Attended Meetings. Called at Mothers, Sister Anna's & Sarah's. at the latter spent with little Ellen. walked to Mr own Lot before breakfast, rem? of the day & Eve. at home — T. D. Elliot called on business — Mr Stoddard was here in the Eve.

2. day 15th Attended the usual meeting of Bank Directors. and was engaged in C.J. house duties the rem? of the day & Eve at home — Elizabeth Wing Elmira with us having called to see father Prior. and Emma & Eliza Mitchell were with us at tea &c —

3. day 16th Occupied in C.J. house duties through the day and Eve —

4th. Day 17th Attended to business at the C.J. house through the day & till twilight suspended my operations, rem? of the Eve — at home — found A Robeson here who remained till it clos

5th. Day 18th Engaged at the C.J. house through the day. had the Company of Mother and Sister Eliza Aunt Mary & M. Gifford to tea

5th. day 19th Engaged in the Mg. hastily in relation to the Academy. remainder of the day in attending to and directing my G.J. house and wharf business. Mg called at Andrews hastily to see William who has been some days confined with threatening of a fever he is now however better though confined to his room — Sarah also sister Ann's little grandson, One of Thomas's twins a sweet little infant of weeks

7th. day 20th Spent the day in attending to G.J. house duties. the business of my father's estate &c. at home W.L. M.W. Stoddard were with us at tea — Gent. Lincoln and Rob. Hazen called in relation to a deed from the Estate in the Mg — and I went with one or both to the house of the other heirs. W.L. M.W.S probably take final leave of N. Bedford the next week — the connexion of the former with the Academy having terminated with the present Quarter just ended — We regret it as do our Children who have profited by his instruction.

1st. day 21st. Attended Meetings, and spent

the rest of the day at home S. G. Morgan & Eliz. Read
Jos. & Joanna Rotch Ch. W. Morgan Andw Martha &
Fredk Robeson Miss Chase Geo & Susan Howland
& Thos. A Greene called. — I called a few
minutes in the evg — with Edwd at Br. Williams
the latter to see Alfred who goes with his pa-
rents tomorrow to Exeter to School — he was not
at home

2d. day 22d. Occupied at the Cf. house through
the day and till 9 O. Clk P.M. — attended
the Mtg. of Bank Directors in the Mtg
3d. day 23 — Engaged at the Cf. House through
the day and evg — our children made a vis-
it to my aunt Mary this afternoon, all
of them with their mm & Phebe as their guardian
& Moderator — I called there in the evg. at
A. Robeson's

4th Day 24th. Occupied through the day at Cf.
our Entries till dark. Found Wm & Mrs Rodd and
at our house when I returned who called to
take leave — as they intend to return to
Plymouth to morrow — after their departure
I went to Uncle Williams on business connected
with the accommodation of Mr. Mudge. —

5th Day 25th Occupied through the day at the C.H. house also through the night

6th day 26th Engaged through the day & night at the C.H. house. Father Prior rheumatic complaint confined to his bed to day

7th day 27th Cloudy occupied with C.H. house duties through the day & night. Dr. Read was called to see father Prior who is still confined to his bed. We learn by letters to day of the failure of my wifes Sister Betsey's husband. a painful thought not an unexpected occurrence in these times of general pecuniary distress. The delicate health of Sister B & their little children gives it an additional interest and presents strong claims to the sympathy of their numerous friends in New York & Elsewhere: but who is now able to give them the solid proofs of kindness which their feelings would prompt — Fredk Robson Elder Rodman & Willy Read visited our children at two & to this day

1st Day 28th Attended meetings and called with Mr. Chen at & all the Children at our Nephew Tho. Robeson's to see Sybil and the twins — they are fine little babies, and the mother is much better though this feeble

called also at Mary Tabers with reference to her daughter Delia (my ward) going to the Providence Boarding School called a mother And.ws & Charles a few minutes in the ev.g Wm & Rebecca Ch.s & Sarah & And.w & Anna called him with some of their Children.

father Prior still confined to his bed

2.d day 29.th attended to business at the C.H house through the day and ev.g - father Prior continues without much improvement. still in bed — he seems moreover rather more feeble in strength and his appetite ~~is pretty~~ not so good for the last two days. — Susan Howland J. Winter

3.d day 30.th Occupied through the day with C.H house duties which were con— tinued through the ev.g — father Prior continues without any improvement. indeed the soreness to the touch is rather greater

4.th day 31.st My time has been devoted through the day to C.H. House duties. attended home at twilight — this has been a very warm day and it seems to have been favorable for father Prior's disorder — he being much relieved from the pain & soreness which he has suffered still confined to his bed

May 31st day Cont. Count of house duties have engrossed my attention this day and the principal part of the w[eek] — Father Prior is more comfortable but still confined to his bed — Aunt Mary & M. Gifford set off for this town intending to spend a week at Newport with Wm. & his wife on a visit to his children in Penn[a] — Barns cleaned and white washed —

June 1st D. S. Attended to business at the C[ounty] house & through the day — Eve[ning]. after tea lay at home — Father Prior continues still confined to his bed not quite so well to day as yesterday —

2nd day 2 Spent the day in attention to C. house duties which were protracted into the ev[ening] till the Close — in returning witness very vivid electrical commu[nica]tions attended about 11 O'Clk with some rain & distant thunder —

3rd day 4th Attended meeting with the boys at the Lyceum Hall — in the afternoon at our own house, Called after the last at Mothers and at several places with reference to business proposed to be effected to morrow. Called at

Col Morgans in the wg. with regard to the division of the Real Estate left by my father — finds him engaged, wrote a note & left it on the subject. Bro Benj. Spent part of the wg with us — ma chez th confined at home with a cold — father rather better —

2d. day 5th Occupied at the Cf. House most of the day & eveg —

3d. day 6th Engaged at the Cf house & wkg in relation to my Scows through the day, attended a Temp. Lecture by the Rev. E. T. Taylor of Boston in the wg — at Mr. Holmes Mtg. House which was crowded

4th. day 7th. Spent the day in attending to business at the Cf. Rooms, where I remained through the wg — father still continues without decided improvement, still principally confined to his bed

5th. day 8th I have been again assiduously engaged at the Cf. house through the day & eveg — called at Col. Morgans on business as I returned home, not finding him there at 10½ I went again a half an hour after — Father Rowe remains much as of late

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6th day 9th Engaged at the C.H. house & whf throughout the day and evg — Father Prior remains much as recently — Still confined to his bed — in some measure from a Rheumatic disease but more from the debility of old age —

7th day 10th This day has been spent as many days have of late been spent in C.H. house duties which occupies me till late in the evg — Father Prior continues without any material change

1st day 11th Attended Meetings and called at C.W. Morgan's several times on business connected with the Eastern fishery — called also in the evg. at Brothers & Sister Amis

2d day 12th Occupied at the Wharf & C.H. throughout the afternoon & Evg. Also attended the Mtg of Bank Directors — Father Prior not quite so well as yesterday.

3d day 13th Engaged in C.H. house duties through the day & Evg, or in superintending the workmen employed at the wharf — Father Prior continues without much change — still disabled by his Rheumatic affection. From

Setting up much —
4th Day 14th Occupied by attention to C.J. house duties & Mercantile business through the day, attended a Meeting in the evg. at the Lyceum Sermon by Joseph Foulke of Father Continues much the same
5th day 15th Occupied by C.J. House and other business engagements through the day and evg. Continue my attention to them after dark at home
6th day 16th Occupied at the C.J. house through the day & evg. at home — Miss Osgood Fold Rivers went to day to make a visit at
at tea with us — called to take leave of mother was
by 7th day 17th Engaged in attending to my C.J. house business through the day and evg. except the time required by the attendance on the funeral Services on the death of Lydia Greene wife of David R. Greene
1st day 18th Attended one one my Sabbath and in the afternoon went with my Children to hear the Rev. O. Dewey — who gave a very interesting and instructive Sermon — evg. at home A Robeson & his Children And Sabbath returned from Phila to day —

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2d day 19 - Attended the Mtg of Bank Directors, and applied myself to business at the C.J. House & thought the rest of the day & Eve

3d day 20th Engaged about my business at the C.J. house & through the day and in the Eve attended a meeting to hear a Sermon by Mr Dewey, which was well attended. pointed and practical - bro Wm & Sister R called a few minutes late in the Eve as did John H Easton of Newport

4th day 21st Engaged at the Counting house through the day excepting about half of the afternoon at Ell Morgans. B Rodman's & the assessors Office in relation to the Estate of my late father, Eve. after dark at home father continues without much improvt. though he is better than he was for

5th day 22d Devoted the forenoon to business at the C.J. house. P.M. called at bro Wm's & A Robeson's and at the assessors Office in relation to the Estate of my father and then worked at the C.J. house till dark. Eve at home

6th day 23d Occupied at the C.J. house

throughout the day except two or three hours in the service of Mrs Chase H. — W.J. also principally spent there. Mary & Edmunds spent the W.J. at their Uncle Benjamin's —
7th day 24th Occupied with Sleight intermissions at the C.J. House till late in the W.J. — Jn.H. Morrison & C.M. Morgan were here in the W.J. but I missed their visit
1st day 25 — Attended meeting A.M. & P.M. at the house of our Soc.y. Jos.h Hunt. Hoag was there & preached; Andw. & his daughter calling as did B. Lincoln & his grand daughter in the W.J.
2d day 26th Engaged at the C.J. house except about 3 hours in the afternoon devoted to the Children in an attendance on their visit to the Menagerie which was this day opened for exhibition in our town — Father had a visit from the friend Hoags. I called in the W.J. at Wms to accompany our daughter Mary home, she having taken tea there
3d day 27th Occupied through the day at the W.J. & C.J. Room till dark afterward spent the evening at the W.J. at home

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14th day 28th Occupied at the Q.J House through the day & till the Shades of eve interrupted my labors, afternoon read the Paper at home Father Prior continues without much alteration—

15th day 29th attended to Q.J house duties through the day till eve - interrupted my writing — found Henry Blood here a returned who had called to visit the Garden and stay'd till 10 - I then went to my bro Williams to attend our daughter Mary home

16th day 30th Occupied through the day & eve. at the Q.J house —

17th day 7mo 1st Engaged A.M. at the Q.J Hse. but the afternoon was principally consumed in a conference with Mary Taber widow of Nathan in reference to her Daughter Jane's interest in the furniture of her daughter Mary, called in the eve. to see Mr. Mudge about the Seamans Meeting of which he is Pastor and to promote their attendance I am under appointment for the present month — called at Th. Greens after my return home his wife having been to

Consult Me relative to their proceedings at the Ladies Clothing Establishment —

1st. day 2d — Spent the Morng. in going about among the Boarding establishments for Seamen to invite them minutes to attend Divine Service at the Mariners Ch. attended by us that part of Worship through the day, attended also Friends Meeting which was defered till 5 O'Clk in the afternoon —

2d day 3d — Engaged at the G. House Bank he had a call from Capt. Edwd. Gardner just before dinner announcing his safe arrival with the James Stewart with a full Cargo at St. John on the 24th Inst — saw him again a few minutes towards Eve. which I was prevented spending with him at my house by an expected visit to Father Prior from Isaac & Anna Thorne — They were prevented from fulfilling their engagement by a rainy afternoon — Called after tea at A. Robeson's and Ch. Morgan's relative to the Eastern business — called also with the former on P. Tillinghast

3d day 4th — Capt Gardner of the James Sloan breakfasted with us, I accompanied him to the steam boat and then was occupied with my C[hinese] house duties through the day, till dark — on returning found Bro Wm & Jos. Rotch here to attend their daughters home who were here on a social repast & festival got up by themselves with our the Children in our Garden to give Zest to the holiday
4th day 5th Engaged through the day at the C[hinese] house — Spent the short ev. at home. Father Continues without any improvement distressed at night & uneasy by day with his Rheumatic pains, his hands & feet somewhat swollen
5th attended to C[hinese] house duties through the day — and called after dark to enquire after David Coffin. found him alive but past consciousness — Thus has seemingly prematurely ended his career, extensively engaged in business and remarkably prone to assist others he has experienced much perplexity on acct of his large engagements and the general pecuniary em-

barrassment of the Country in addition to his bodily Suffering which have been very severe for the last few weeks — His mind has been remarkably clear and he has conversed sensibly till this afternoon — He has been a man of unimpeachable integrity and peculiar mildness of temper & suavity of Manner — the stay of his family connexions and the pride of many others — and has been careful to discharge his social and religious duties — This course has contributed to his peace of mind under his various trials and in the contemplation of a speedy dissolution, he having expressed in the latest hours of his Consciousness his quietude and trust in the prospect before him — he saw that death was near and it was divested of its terror.

6th day 7th Engaged at the Custom House & Wharf — in the afternoon principally in relation to the Ship Winslow which arrived yesterday after a voyage of 42½ months with about 900 bbls — less than half a cargo — Left at home after dark — D. Coffin died at 3½ O. Clock this morg —

7th Day 8th Attended business at the C.H. hours through the day principally in relation to the Ship Winslow, and her unfortunate voyage occasioned principally by the incompetence of several of the original officers and the bad temper which prevailed among the men — called after a late supper and spent an hour at Sarah Coffins — to condole with the family in the bereavement which they have sustained The disease of Capt. Coffin has been ascertained by a post mortem examination to have originated & been principally confined to the stomach, of long standing and incurable in its nature. found the widow & granddaughter composed and deriving a melancholy satisfaction that his sufferings which have been severe were happily terminated

1st day 9th Before breakfast went round to the Ladies Boarding houses to invite the Seamen to attend meeting at the Mariners Church, attended both meetings there the funeral services of Dave & Coffin and the 3rd. day in the afternoon —, walked out to

my Meet lots after tea passed the day otherwise at home called a few minutes at my bro~ Wms in the eve.

2d day 10th Occupied at the Cf house & through the day ~~till~~ and when the shades of eve. interrupted my labors returned to supper and passed the evng time at home — Our daughter Mary unwell to day and confined at home mostly in bed with an affection of the stomach

3th day 11 Occupied at the Cf house through the principal part of the day. Board in attending to business otherwise & at home. at home the latter part of the eve. viz after the shade of twilight had obliged me to suspend my business at the desk — Mary is better to day & has been at School

4th day 12th — Occupied A.M. at the Cf Room & the afternoon was principally or considerably occupied in going with H Crabb Surveyor to see the lots for which deeds are to be made to the several heirs of my dec.d Father by the others Collectively of the Real Estate in the vicinity — the latter part spent with Capt. Gardner late of the James Stewart relative

to his late voyage, and proposing another
voyage from home — Capt Coleman late
of the Ship Margaret called — Sis-
ter Eliza is here from Fall River reports
Mother well — Ann Susan is suffering
with a severe cold — confined to her room
5th Day 13th Occupied assiduously at
the Office principally in relation to
the business of the Widows. 6th Day 14
to day with Sister Eliza in Mothers Car-
riage, about 6 or 7 miles and was much
enjoyed the exercise & change of scene
which it gave an opportunity for. He
having hitherto declined the experiment
from fear of the exposure & in the hope
of soon being able to have the pleasure
without the risk & without the allowance of
present pain — but having been disap-
pointed of the relief which he hoped to de-
rive from time & care he was willing to
make the necessary exertion and and
the success so far as yet appears, will
encourage him to repeat it — Sister Eu
dined with us. Evg after Dark, at home

7th day 15th Engaged Still at the G. House through the day. Evg. after ~~dark at home~~ also there in part — Father rode again to day — Maria Potts Cousin Anna's daughter Visited with her mother is here on a visit to their relations Hannah two here — I returned but in time to greet her & bid her good night

1st day 16th Took my round of duty before breakfast to invite the Seamen to the Services at the Bethel and attended both meetings there as I did at Friends my home also Pitt and after tea a Temperance poetic Lecture by Mr. Study to the Seamen at his the Bethel Church — called with Sister Phebe to see Ann M Potts who is on a visit to her Sisters now at Mr Bonsalls

2. day 17 Attended to business at the G house through the day & did not reach home till the Eve was far spent after supper called at D. Reads to attend Ma Chin H & daughter from an ev call on his family —

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3d day 18th Occupied with business at the Cyphouse & log after dark at home ——
4th day 19 Engaged at the Cyphouse &c. as usual log at home after dark
5th day 20th Occupied as usual at the Cyphouse &c — called at C.D. Morgans in the eve. to consult relative to the employment of the Ship Winslow and afterward at Bro. Hoxie to attend one of "Mary Home"
6th day 21st Engaged at the Cyphouse & Wharf. as usual through the day eve at home after the shades of twilight obliged me to desist from the duties of the dark
7th day 22 — Engaged after breakfast in my usual avocation. Awaited before 10 the a family into the Country to see a little after my long confining. Spent the eve. at the Cyphouse to bring the account of the week which has involved Special duties & engagements — Father Prior continues without much change he makes an effort daily

to walk a little in the Garden
1st. Day 23d. Took my usual tour of Duty in relation to the Mariners Church before breakfast by calling at the different Seamens boarding houses to invite them to attend Divine Service — Attended Meeting there with my Sons Rob & Frank and after the 2d. went with Mr. Mudge to the house of Correction to attend Religious Service with the prisoners Friends accompanying me — called to see Uncle & Rebecca Dean at Uncle Wms. — Mr. Prescott called on us in the ev.
2d. Day 24th. Engaged in Cg house duties & throughout the day, had the Company of Uncle Wm & his wife, Uncle Dean & his sister in the ev.
3d. Day 25 Engaged in duties of the Cg. house & throughout the day. Dr. Reads Children took tea with us on the family [Family Meeting] I was detained as usual till after the usual hour for the 3d meal — Dr. Read & Wife M. called to see their Children home —

439 14th day 26 Engaged most of the day in preparg a new draught of Form of Whalemens Shipping Articles in order to put a Check on some of the horribly licentious practices which are common on some of those Voyages found Sister Rebecca here on my return home in the eve — bro: Wm called to see her home — Our 4 elder children visited our neice Mrs T. Robeson this afternoon — Father Prior did not decline to take his usual walk in the Garden to day the weather not quite so warm as usual and he rather more feeble —

15th day 27th Engaged at the Office most of the day Alone — principally devoted to preparing a new Form of Whalemens Shipping Paper, the mal practices now common on the more distant of those Voyages rendering some more restrictions with reference to Morals indispensable — Wm Hodd and both dined with us — J. T. Greene called on business with him relating to the adjustment of his finial Acct. with the Academy

6th day 28th Occupied with Cg house duties throughout the day & till the darkness interrupts my labours Sent of the Lord at home

1st day 29th Spent the day & evg. principally in attention to Cg. House duties which detained me in the evg. till a late hour — the interruptions incidental to the outfitting of a Ship bringing me in arrear with my writing

2nd day 30th Attended to my duty as a Comm. of the Port Lodg. to attend at the Services at the Seamen's Chapel & to invite their attendance on the Sabbath. Engaged after the afternoon meeting in writing — some of our friends called to see the Family

2nd day 31 — Occupied with Cg house duties, throughout the day evg. at home or at the Cg. House, the pressure of my engagements having superceded for a week the usual daily record

3rd Sm 1 — County. house Duties probably occupied my attention through the

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day & wet.

4th Day 2 — Engaged in the discharge of business duties at the Cg house through the day & eve

5th Day 3 — Still occupied as usual in the Mg. & eve at the Cg. house, but most of the day was given to the superintendance of the Seasons who are building a small dam in the Cellar

6th Day 4th Engaged at the Cg. House most of the day, had the company of And. Jennings in the eve & Aunt Polly Bonsal and Frank Wild walked over to see the beautiful Grove of the flowers the night blooming Cereus then displaying its short lived glories bro W. & Jane & sister Sarah & Mrs Taylor were also with us

7th Day 5. Assiduously engaged in getting the Winslow ready for sea in the eve. went to bro: Wm's where were Andrews family & Uncle & Aunt Rotch — went to bro: Benj: to tea

the Wood house de colg. it was
late in the day. The Masons dispersed the Mast[er] Co[mpany]
1st Day 6th Spent the Morning in writing letters of Instruction to Capts. Gifford & 2nd mate of the Winslow, and was then engaged till Meg. time in getting the Officers & Men off to Ship to Sea — After which went to the Mariners Church and as the Ship could not get out owing to the State of the Winds, I therefore with the exceptions of the time of the Friends M.g. in the afternoon which I attended I was engaged in writing a letter to the Seamen of the Winslow. Thos. & Lydia Ann & Anna Arnold called after tea and read in Father Dixons room Extracts, or parts of a number of letters from Cousin James Arnold's wife and daughter now in Europe —

2. Day 7th The Winslow was off in good season this morning Satisfactorily manned and equipped. I devoted the day to Office & house duties not coming home to dinner — had the Compy. of Elvira Drinker & her Sister Anna W. Rotch & Dr. Maria, Mary

Drinker & bro: Buy Wife & Son
3. day 8th Occupied with C.H. house
duties through the day & Eve — Uncle
Wm & his wife called with their Car-
riage and took Father Prior out to
ride — he continues without much
change of late. Rheumatic pains and
debility being serious allays to what
might otherwise be a happy old age
4th day 9th Engaged in C.H. boarding duties
through the day and part of the Eve — Rem
of it Spent at home. Buy wife bro: Eve
arrived this afternoon
5th day 10th Occupied at the C.H. room whf
it throughout the day & the early part of the
Eve — rem. at home
6th day 11 Engaged as usual at the C.H. room
& whf except the time occupied by a Call
at Andrews to see Mrs Lucia Dwight Seymour
— the latter & Sister Eloise died with us, and in the
afternoon they returned to complete their
visit at Fall River — I spent the Eve
at the C.H. house had my bedding brot from the Hall Mans
7th day Engaged at the C.H. house most

of the day & remained till late in the ev. to bring up my arrears in Posting

1st Day attended Aff & P.M. at the Brick Mg. house. Called at Andrews with sister Phebe to see J. Lea & wife — had calls from Wm R Roberson & Frank Webb, - and from Henry Wood in the ev.

2d day 14th. Occupied at the Cg. house & through the Day & ev.

3d day 15th Still Engaged as yesterday at the Cg. house &c, ev. at home. Called to attend machine home who went to our nephew T. Robesons' in consequence of the illness of one of their children.

4th Day 16th. Occupied with Count house duties — ev. at home — Benj. Pool called — and Spent the ev.

5th Day 17 Engaged at the Cg. house &c through the day ev. at home & Capt at Call at T. Robesons to enquire after their child — who is much better.

6th Day 18 Cg. house duties engrossed my attention through the day. and I wrote at home in the ev. to improve a private

1st. day. for St. John New Brunswick
7th. day 19th. Engaged as usual at the
Office through the day & at home
this is our little Susans 8th. natal anni-
versary — and on the occasion she had
a little assemblage of her Cousins
and passed a happy day — Many
the early Convictions solemn exercises all
our blessings come and from childhood.
humble & undefiled attire may the incense
of gratitude & thanksgiving habitually
ascend to the Universal Father in heaven.
— Bros. Wm & sister B. called late to attend
their dr. Ellen & niece Maria Rotch home
1st. day 20th Attended meetings at Friends
place of worship Arch St. and spent
the rest of the day at home, also the
day. — our neighbor S. Hopper called
— Wm Robeson was also here in the
afternoon
2d. day 21st. Occupied through the day at the
Office and part of the day in writing at home
Our Children & their Aunt Phebe took tea at
sister Sarahs'. and Father Prior took his

at the family table the first time for about two months — and what was somewhat rare for a day of business I left the Cg house early enough to partake with them making the 4th in the small Company

3d day 22. Spent the day in attending to business at the Wharf & left the Cg house. rem[ained] at home principally with father & Edmund till quite late when I went to Bro. Wms to attend ma chez H. home who took tea there with the three little girls — C.W. Morgan arr[ived] from his Pennsylvania tour or visit to day

4th. Day 23d — Occupied through the day at the Cg house & do. at home — Called on an errand at our nephew T. Robeson's & Uncle's later went to attend Mary from her uncle Wms — Ed[mund] hav[ing] been sent earlier for the same purpose —

5th. Day 24th. Spent a considerable part of the forenoon at home. read the news — & the afternoon was principally consumed in riding or errand with my wife, or on my own acco[unt] — I improved the occasion to show

per my wharf & Cg Room the remainder of the Day & the Morning — at the Cg house wf. at home — with the Company of our neighbors & Grace & Mitchell & E. H. Gardner at tea & Mary took tea at her aunt Morgans to meet Gov. Fleming & Lucy Emerson from Boston

6th. day 25 Engaged throughout the day in attending to my Cg house business, wf. at home. Our three elder Children at R. S. Smiths — till too late an hour

7th. day 26th. Spent the day in attending to my business at the Cg house &c wf. at home. Our daughter Mary has gone with her aunt Eliza who came from Fall River with mothers Carriage for the purpose in part, to Spend a couple of days with her aunt Lydia Ruggles

1st day 27th. Attended Meetings at Friends House of Worship, and passed the rest of the day at home. And. & Anna called upon us, Father dined below Stairs — bro Ed & the Children with myself enjoyed from the top of the Observatory the beautiful Sunset Scene

2d day Occupied at the Cg. House
through the day wf. at home —
3d day 29th Spent the day principally in
attention to Cg. House duties wf. at
home — bro. Wm & sister Rebecca called
and spent the wf. with ma chen H. & Hy
4th day 30th occupied through the day
at the Cg house &c, wf. at home — the
Children having the company of their
cousins and some of their young friends —
5th day 31st Occupied at the Cg house
through the day wf — at home
6th day 1 Engaged in business occupations
through the day, took tea with ma chen
H. & sister at bro. Wms
7th day 2 — Engaged at the Cg. House through
the day wf. at home — Sister P. & bro E. at A.
1st day 3d Attended Meetings at our
own M.H. and passed the remr of the
day at home with my family & in ready
— Judge Prescott call'd in the wf —
2d day 4th Engaged in Cg. house duties
through the day, wf. at home with
Jo. Longdon Comparing our respective

Meteorological Journals ___ which differ very much in the qty. of Rain ___ his exceeding mine from 5/6 to 1/6. which indicates an imperfection in one or other of our instruments — the principle on which they are constructed being the same

3. day 5th. Occupied as usual at the Cg house, wf. at home our 3 elder Children at W.R. Rotches to tea &c

4th Day 6th Spent the day in Cg house duties except calling with Mrs Chenery & Mrs Thos & Susan Rotch. wf. at home

5th Day 7th Devoted the day to Cg. house duties, wf. at home — took our little Ellen for the first time, with her sister Jane with me to the Whg & Str which much enjoyed the novelty of the Places & objects about the Wharf Mrs Mills Ed. Seeing them safe home again —

6th Day 8th Occupied by mercantile duties through the day, wf at home our Children Ed & Thos with Mrs Mills

Ed: as caretaker took a jaunt to Falls River to day & Bro: Mark Pollard with their excursion this evg —

7th day 9th. C.J. home duties occupied my time most of the day. which together with the necessary attention to my wht business confined me till the shades of evg suspended my labors. — Wm: of the W.J. at home

1st day 10th. Attended Meetings forenoon and afternoon at our usual place of worship Father being also able to be there in the forenoon Wm: of the day & the W.J. at home — W. R Robeson Called p: All the rest of the day in reading & quiet intercourse with the family Circle — a strong and happy contrast with the turmoil & perplexities of other days devoted to secular cares

2d. day 11th. Occupied by C.J. home duties through the day. W.J. at home in conference with C.W. Morgan on business — Jared Peckham also called in relation to his father in Law's business

3d. day 12th. Occupied in writing letters & deeds through the day. Bro: in Law

E. H. Prior who has been with us the last few weeks. left us on his return to day Bro: Benj.ⁿ who went for his wife, who accompanied her sister Ann & daughter as far as Albany being prevented to arrive at Newport tomorrow in the Steam boat from New York

4th Day 13th Engaged at the Mg. house through the day wf. mostly at J. N. Starbuck's in consultation relative to their removal to Nantucket — Our Little Ellen is unwell to day Dr Thos. Read has been called to see her — and administer

5th Day 14th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and devoted the rest of the day to Mg. house duties, wf. at home Our darling Ellen is better, and by her beautiful docility, is added to her other attractions, heighten the affectⁿ interest which she feel in her

6th day 15th attended to Mg. house duties through the day, and wf. at home except a call at A. Rapp's, to see his wife on business. — took my son Ed. with me — called at the Steady with friends A. M.

7th day 16th Occupied at the C.J. house
through the day Evg. at home —
Our Mary had her cousin Jane Rotch
to visit her — & her brother Rodman called
to attend her home in the evg —
1st day 17th Attended Meeting AM at the
Lyceum to hear Eleazer Heartland a friend from
Penn partners New York — found him an un-
interesting preacher — went in the afternoon
to the Episcopal Church with three of the Chil-
dren — The service & sermon contrasted very
favorably with that I had heard in the Mg
with what is usually heard at the Brick
Mg house — Eleazer H. called in the evg
to see father, whom he had formerly
known — I called a few minutes at R.
Robeson's — they intending to set off tomorrow
on a journey & visit to their Son Andw at
Pittsfield — Wm & Robeson & Martha
called here in the course of the day —
2. 18th Attended the Mg of Bank
Directors, and engaged afterward at the
C.J. house &c — Evg. at home principally
in Father Prior's room, Sister was below at
dinner — considerably recovered from her late indis-

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3d day 19th Attended to C.J. house duties throughout the day & eve. at home, had the company of Col. R. Randolph & lady & most of the time, he having come on business with me as Executor from Washington where he resides —

4th day 20th Occupied throughout the day with C.J. house employment & eve. at home

5th day 21st Attended the meeting of Bank directors and devoted the rest of the day to my C.J. house business and operations at the wharf

6th day 22d Engaged throughout the day at the C.J. house & eve. at home our 3 youngest children were at D. Reads to tea. I called for to take them home, I believe it is about the first time that little Ellen has been out after dark, she was pleased with the brightness of the stars, which she called "lights up in the walk" Mr. Chew to. was attacked about noon with a violent tooth ache which was preceded by a slight chill, which made her retire to bed — She is better this eve. and had her friends A. Arnold & L. Greene to see her in her room

the former read a letter lately rec.d from Eliz.a Arnold. Who with her Parents were meanably expected to leave Europe and embark for home from Liverpool the next month.

4.th day 23.d Occupied about my business through the day except a few hours at home at the Whf. Eve. hours &c. Wm. at home ready to my father Prior an exposition of a new plan of regulating the Currency, the derangement of which has led to a degree of overtrading which has brought great embarrassment on almost every brand of business with the exception of agriculture which has been heretofore neglected.

1.st day 24.th Attended meetings at Spring.t and with this exception remained at home through the day. Eve. also at home — Our Cousins Thomas & Sybil Roberts called and passed an hour with us —

2.d day 25 — Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors and devoted the rem.r of the day to my Cy. & other business, Wm. at home reading the early part to my father in law

in his room, latter part in conversation with Mrs Chase H. till late —

3. day 26th Occupied through the day at the C.J. house, or otherwise in attending to business, evg. at home. J. H. Harrison called — Mrs Chase H & the two oldest children were at the Episcopal Mtg — the Convention of Ministers being now here

4th day 27 Occupied through the day in attention to C.J. house duties &c, evg. at home reading to Father Prior — Mrs Chase H & sister at meeting to hear one of the Episcopal Clergymen. Mary had her cousin Ellen to tea & her parents being out and till late at C.H. Morgan's they continued their companionship through the night

5th. day 28th Attended to C.J. house business through the day and in the evg. attended with Mrs Chase H & Edmund service at the Episcopal Church. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Vinton of Providence.

6th. day 29th Spent the day in attending to C.J. house duties &, evg. at home. J. H. Drinker

W. L. Rodman Joanna Rotch & Isabel Morgan were at tea with us on a visit to our Children 4th day 30th Occupied with my C.J. house business through the day; in the ev.g. met with the directors of the B.C. Bank at Jo.s Robertson's on special business — latter part at home. I N. Stoddard formerly principal of Friends Academy called. having come from Plymouth his present residence on business

1st day 1st Attended Meetings. Called with the three younger Children at Anna Arnolds lodgings, walked aft.r m.g P.M. to my west lot and after the usual first day ev.g reading which was had in Father's room I called at A Robeson's. they having returned last ev.g from their journey to Pittsfield &c

2nd day 2nd Attended the m.g of Bank Directors and the Stockholders m.g of the said Bed.d Com.l Bank, and gave the rest of the day to C.J. house occupations. took tea with Mrs Chas H. V. Mary & Ed.d at Sister Susans.

3d day 3d Occupied at the C.J. house most of the day, ev.g at home —

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4th day 4th Engaged at the C.J. house de
through the day W.J. at home, had fires in
in the Parlor & Nursery

5th day 5th Attended to C.J. house duties through
the day. and went to hear in the evg
and address by Horace Mann the Sec'y.
of the State board of Education — which
was a most interesting and powerful
performance, and it is cause of great
regret that there had not been ten times
the number to hear it. the weather was
a little unpleasant and the Mtg. which
was in the House of the First Cong.l Soc'y
corner of Purchase & Mt Vernon Sts was
not more than half filled — It was
highly instructive, pregnant with sentiment
& thought and with passages of electrifying
eloquence —

6th day 6th Spent the forenoon in my
usual C.J. House occupations — about
10 o'Clk Chs C. Stewart of St. John N. Brunswick
arrived and the afternoon was de-
voted to him & the W.J. attended with
him the Mt. St. Edm.d Jubilee by the

Oratorio at the new M.E. Roberts Church to hear the performance of Haydn's Celebrated composition "the Creation" — which was numerously attended and is presumed to have given great satisfaction. Though to unpractised ears not so pleasing as more simple performances with fewer performers — after returning home I had to go out to consult with Wm L Ch[ase] — relative to the Pocasset Co. concerns — which are threatened with some derangement in consequence of the recent judicial proceedings against the "Merchants Bank" of Providence which contains the other Banks of the State of which the Bank in Question is the depositor of their funds so far as is requisite to redeem their respective notes — I then was occupied in writing till quite late to despatch a reply to com[munication] rec[eive]d from the Cash[ier] of the Co — A. Roberson called during our absence and spent the ev[enin]g with Father P —

7th day 7th. Occupied in relation to my Co[mpany] business excepting the time required by courtesy and hospitality to be given to our guest Mr. Stewart. which my other duties would permit

A. Robeson and Ch. W. Morgan spent the ev. here in conversation on the subject of Mr. S's business from St. John.

1st. Day 9th. Attended Mtg. at Spring St. Mtg. Adj. Dined at A. Robesons with C.C. Stewart and attended Mtg with the Young P. Sh. at the Mtg. to hear Mr. Morrison — the rest of the day & Eve at home. Mr. Prescott called & Dr. Wm. Bidd. P. in the ev.

2 day 10th. Occupied through the day at C.J. home duties & with attentions to our guest C.C. Stewart — Jn. H. Morrison took tea with us

3. day 10th. Spent some time before breakfast at C.J. home duties — and devoted the rem. of the day to calls visits &c with C.C. Stewart — went to see Jas Arnolds Garden, called to see my Uncle Wm & Aunt Mary — dined at Ch. Morgans and took Tea at Thos. P. Robesons

4th day 11th. Our Guest C.C. Stewart left us this day for Newyork. forenoon principally at home. afternoon at the C.J. home, Eve's at A.

Robesons with Mrs Chase H — Mother & Sister Eliza returned to day from Fall River, and were there. —

5th day 12th Attended to C.J. house business through the day, took tea at C.W. Morgans with Mrs Chase H & the Children except little Ellen & her sister Mary who staid at home to keep her Company, and postponed her visit till the former had gone to bed. — Went with Ch. Irving after tea to Attd. Robesons to consult on business of the Estate — a visit to Fall River being planned to morrow to make a division of the farm —

6th day 13th Engaged at the C.J. house through the day wf at home — The visit to Fall River was deferred on acct. of the rain —

7th day 14th Occupied at the C.J. house through the day wf. at home

1st day 15th Attended Meeting and spent the rest of the day at home. In the eve. Lydia Gifford & A. Robeson called. I called at Wm. L. Berry's in reference to a joint to Fall River to morrow, — concluded to omit it

Second day 16th Attended to C.J. house duties through the day. Capt Edw.d Gardner & Abby Osgood of the Acad.y with two of Ch.s W. Morgan's Children & Little Rob.t Davis drank tea with us - the little folks being assembled in honor of little Ellens 4th birth day Anniversary - She behaved very prettily on the occasion officiating to serve the little ones from a set of little tea sett - Accompanied Capt. Gardner to the C.J. house after tea to meet by appointment Wm. Phillips who was at S.t Jos.h some weeks this Summer in C.C. Stewarts employ to explain to Capt. Gardner the accounts relating to his late voyage from that Place

3d day 17th Occupied in writing at the C.J. House de through the day. wf. at home

4th Day 18th Spent the day in attention to C.J. house duties. wf. at home. had the company of Aunt Mary, M Gifford sister Susan and her two Children to tea

5th Day 19th Occupied at the C.J. house de through most of the day, - Called at Mothers and late in the wf. at Sister Annas' to

attend Sister Phebe home who took tea there — Edward Russell Called here in the ev.g having lately returned from S.t America Via Canton where he has spent several years

6.th Day 20.th Occupied at the C.g house most of the day — called at my Uncle W.m Rotch Jun.r on business connected with the Estate — ev.g at home had the Comp.y of Sister Anna's & bro.r W.m's families — at tea also Sister Elisa — the weather prevented Mother & Lydia Russell from giving us their Company.

1.st Day 21.st Engaged at the C.g house through most of the day Called at Mothers with the plans for the Division of the Real Estate left by my father in this Co.unty, ev.g at home

2.d Day 22.d Attended Meetings and Spent the remainder of the day at home — Th.s Sybil Roberson & Miss Hedge & Albert Barney Called — Experienced some vexation from the neglect of Philip in regard to his duties, & on speaking to him about it he became

any my and declared his determination to
quit my employment
2. day 23. Called Patrick from his work
at the Whf. to supply the place of Philip
breakfasted at Mothers to some time to
complete my business for the Steam Boat
Mail. devoted the rem.r of the day to C.
house duties. which were also extended
into the Ev.g called at Mothers & Chs
W. Morgans. the latter going to Boston
to morrow
3. day 24.th Engaged at the C.h house through
the day. in the Ev.g attended at the Lyceum
Lecture on the Periodical Press by H.W.Le
Sister P. visiting at Sister Annas
4.th day 25.th Attended to C.h house business
through the day. Ev.g at home, Called at
Uncle Wm.s Felt on business connected with the
Estate & in the Ev.g at Bro.r Wm.s he expect-
ing to go to Boston to morrow — Edmund
at his Aunt Morgans Mary at Jo.s Potters
to tea
5.th day 26.th Spent the day in attention to
C.h house duties, Ev.g at home

6th day 27th — Occupied in attending to Cf. house duties through the day. ev'g. at a Meeting of the Port Society —

7th day 28th Attended to business Aft. and in the afternoon attended a Town Meeting on the subject of the new Market, but I was disappointed in my hope that the building would be postponed for a year till Our business prospects were brighter —

In the ev'g attended a Caucus Political Mg. to hear our Congressional representative John Reed — who spoke in a plain & familiar manner to a crowded audience & and commanded great attention and was greeted with the usual tonogues testimonials of Satisfaction by the listeners — After his Speech I left the Mtg — and late in the ev'g called at C. M. Morgan's —

1st day 29th Attended Meetings Aft & PM and spent the rest of the day at home, except two errands to the Post Office. early in the Mg & after tea — We had no calls — the weather being cold & unpleasant with threatenings of Rain — except from our niece Ellen

2. day 30th Engaged through the day by my C.J. house duties W.J. at Mothers & completing deeds of Real Estate left by my Father in this vicinity — Martha H. quite ill with an inflamation of the eyes — Dr. Read called twice to see her, had recourse to venesection towards day — which occasioned several fainting turns in the course of the evg & night

3. day 31st Occupied in the morning in writing letters at home. the rest of the day at the C.J. house, W.J. at the Lyceum with Edwin Lecture by W.H. Taylor on the "Present State of Geological Science" — Martha H. appears relieved from the violence of her threatened attack, the inflamation being checked she is confined to her bed in a darkened room untill P.M. called to see her — our Mary took tea at her Uncle Wm's I called for her late in the evg — day 9 P.M.

4th day 11 h. A.M. — Attended to my various duties about home and at the C.J. house through the day — though there are so numerous and

and the days so short that little seems to be accomplished — with the devotion of my time to the best advantage. — Machen H is better to day so that she has sat up in the Nursery most of the time — I spent the ev.g at home reading to father Prior &c

5th Day 2d. Engaged at the C.H. house &c through the day. ev.g at home — Machen H. continues to improve — Our daughter Mary has been unwell to day She returned from School on that acct & was on the bed in the Nursery most of the time afterwards

6th Day 3d. Occupied through the day at C.H. house duties which encroached a little on the ev.g time of it Spent at home — Machen H & Mary are both better, the former below Stairs at meals — Mother called also Sister Eliza

7th Day 4th. Attended to C.H. house duties through the day except.g a couple of hours spent in fitting the cellar pump which failed in the support of one of the pivots of the handle, ev.g at home

1st Day 5th Attended meetings, called in the ev.g for a short time at Mothers, and spent

the rest of the day Lewis at home — the weather being rather unpleasant and several of the family unwell myself Thos L Franklin were the only representatives at mtg Edm? having one of his bilious attacks has been confined to his bed through out the day.

2? day 6th Engaged at the Store & Office. Thought the day. Lewis at home — Edm? considerably better. the cause of his illness appearing to be removed. — our niece Ellen took tea and spent the evg with us

3 day 7th Occupied with Office duties thought the day: Lewis attended the annual mtg. of the "New Bedford Port Society for the Moral Improvement of Seamen". afterwards made a call at Mothers. whose cold is better — and then went to C.H. Morgans to attend Sister Phebe and Mary home they having taken tea there C.H. Morgan left home for Newyork &c to day

4th day 8th Attended to Office duties

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throughout the day wf. at home except calling late in the evening it to accompany my daughter Mary from Leonard J. Rotch's

5th day 9th Occupied through the day in C.H. duties in the wf. called at ~~Jesse~~ Uncle Williams to see my Cousin James Arnold who arr. on the 7th from Newyork having recently arr. there from France, where he has left his wife and daughters, did not find him at home — I walked out to my lot on an errand in the wf. Our Mary took tea at her Aunt Robeson's

6th day 10th Engaged principally at the C.H. home throughout the day wf. at home. Sister P. considerably indisposed — Ed. took tea at his Aunt Morgan's & Mary at Thos. Riddell's

7th day 11th Occupied as usual at the C.H. house & through the day wf. at home the operations in raising the covering stone to the well which I have had dug this week at the Stable took some of my time — the Stone was found in digging about 3 feet under the surface so that about one foot was broken off

16 of the edge which projects within the excavated circle — after the wall was stone up the earth was removed from its whole surface which proved to be very even and of ample size for the purpose and about 6 to 7 inches thick — It was a very remarkable circumstance that a stone of this kind, often difficult to get should be found so near the spot where it was wanted

1st Day 12th — Attended Meeting AM & PM at the Bethel, and heard a Sermon from the Rev. M. Lord of Boston in the forenoon. in the afternoon a Sermon from the Rev. Pastor Mr Mudge on the death by a whale of one of the Crew of the Ship Cortes. In the ev. attended the public services of the Eighth Anniversary of the New Bedford Port Soc'y for the Moral Imp't of Seamen, address by the Rev. M. Lord the Preacher of the Am'n. Seaman's Friend Society there — the services were attended to at the House of the Rev. Mr Mudge and were very satisfactory. the large house was filled by an attentive and

tory, by son Edd accompanied me. Called with Ma Chen H. Mary & Ellen at our nephew Tho.s Robeson's. — A. Robeson spent part of the ev.g with such of the family as were at home. and remained some time after my return

2d day 13th Attended to business at the C.H. house & through the day excepting the time occupied at the Polls in Voting for Gov.r Lieut.t Gov.r & Senators Ayes and for Representatives to the Legislature Nays which required about 3/4 of an hour each time — the result was very satisfactory showing a decided gain to the Whig ticket the vote is presumed to be the largest ever taken — A sad accident however occurred in the foolish celebration of the result by firing guns — One man having lost his arm and endangered his life by the premature discharge of a gun he was loading — onboard the Liv.d & Wilmington Packet a Whale Ship belonging to Jn.o A. Parker & Son now in preparation for a voyage — Ev.g at home Judge Prescott called to witness my Chen

His signature to the Division Deeds of the Real Estate of which my father died seized in this vicinity

3d. day 14th Occupied at the County house through the day. the weather very stormy a Gale from the N E with rain & snow. Evg at home

4th. Day 15th Attended to C.J. house duties through the day W.J. at home, called at Mothers - Spent most of the Evg in Father room

5th Day 16th Occupied by C.J. house duties &c at the C.J house through the day. a slight abrasion of the toe making it advisable to avoid much walking I remained from Ong. till night. called on business at my brother Wm's in the Evg - & again at Uncle Williams to see James Arnold - but missed again of seeing him -

6th Day 17th Occupied at the C.J. house through the day W.J. at home had a visit from James Arnold. he having called and spent the Evg with us the first of my Meeting him since his return

4th. Day 18th. Took breakfast before the family and remained at the C[hase]house till W.J. to favor my foot yet a little sore. attended a M.G. of the Executive Board of the Port Society in the W.S. found my bro. Benj[a] at our house on my return. the Children having all retired — had the [illegible] of the Bath room repaired. but were disappointed in the completion of the bathing Tub which also requires a little soldering —
1st. Day 19 Attended meeting and called in the W.S. at Aunt Mary's spent the day otherwise at home our little Frank had three turns of bleeding at the nose.
2d. Day 20th — Attended to C[hase]house duties through the day. W.J. at home. Dr. Read spent part of it with us. and Jane T. Jenkins and her husband made a short call. they being on a visit to her mother Mary Taber (widow of Nathan) & expect[g]. to return to Nantucket in a day or two —

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3d day 21 Spent the day in attending to business at the M.G. house — went to the Lyceum in the ev. with our 3 elder children Lecture by the Rev. Mr. Roberts on the faculty of Reason. then read in father Prior's room an acct. of an outrage against the Press of the Alton "Observer" the Anti Slavery Paper published in Illinois — preceding that which has recently resulted in the murder by another of the Editor. the Rev Mr. Lovejoy and another — As the Blood of the Martyrs has been said to be the Seed of the Church so may this victim to lawless violence and tyranny. be the means under Providence of hastening the time when by the irresistable power of truth the fetters of 2½ million of the native Citizens of the United States shall be struck off. and the slave be restored to the prerogatives of man

4th. Day 22d — Attended to business through the day ev. at home — our nieces Anna & Ellen took tea with us. & A. Robeson called into see the ev —

5th. Day 23d. Occupied at the M.G. house through the day. Drank tea at Mothers

with the three elder Children & Ma
Chu to — Bro.r B.s family also there
6.th day 24.th Attended to C.g house du-
ties through the day eve.g at home re-
viewing texts to go in the Ship Ch.s
till a late hour — Had H. Kempton
putting up double windows in father Pim.s
room, and fitting Cover to well Stone
at barn and doing Sundry other jobs
7.th day 25.th Occupied at the C.g house &c
through the day principally in relation to
the Ship Charles which was cleared to day
for a Whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean
— detained till quite late in the eve.g to bring
up the arrears of writing post poned by atten-
tion to the Charles.
1.st day 26.th Attended Meeting AM at the Mar-
iners Church with the Capt.n & a consider-
able proportion of the Crew of the Charles
Capt. Mors lander & the Mate Richard Gard-
ner dined with me. I went to Friends
M.g in the afternoon Our niece Ellen took
tea & Joined our children in the exercises of
Read.g in the bible &c. & in devotional singing

Thos. Sybil Robeson spent the latter part of the ev. with us.

2d. day 27. Engaged in C.H. house duties & through the day with reference chiefly to the preparation of the Charles for Sailing on her voyage to the Pacific to-morrow. Henry Bloss visited us in the ev. to take leave preparatory to his departure for New Orleans to attend to his recent Mercantile Establishment at that place in connection with Wm. O. Whitridge. He is a young man of intelligence & information and remarkable simplicity and purity of Character, may he escape the pollutions of that pestilential atmosphere. I have more letters of instruction to prepare for the Ch. which will occupy me to a very late hour

3d. day 28th. The Charles is detained by head wind and the final preparations on board to encounter successfully the boisterous weather which may be expected at this season of the year. The night the last night has rendered me unable

to pursue with much effect the Calculations of the Cg House Asst. Pll partly devoted to innovation by reason my exhausted nature — detained afterwards rather late at the Cg house, recvd of the Evg. at home — My wifes' brother Edmund arrived here to day on a visit to his father & sisters. This is a very pleasant incident to us all but of almost unqualified interest to father Prior, whose affections are strongly concentred on his youngest Child and only Son —
4th Day 29th. The direction of the wind again prevents the Charles from getting to Sea — a circumstance of no great moment at the commencement of so long a voyage as that she is bound upon, as it gives opportunity for a more deliberate review of the equipment, and the supplying of any omissions therein. Attended to Cg house duties through the day &
at the adjourned meeting of the trustees of Friends Academy at the Office of my uncle Wm Rotch Jr

177 5th Day 30th 1837 The Charles went to sea this morning and has had a fine day to run off the Coast — I have devoted the day principally to Ch. house duties. Attended the Thanksgiving Services at the Unit. Ch. J. H. Morrison officiating, this was the 1st discourse which I have heard on a similar occasion and was not so much interested as I expected to be from the high opinion which I have of qualifications of the preacher — Drank tea (or rather water) at Sister Anna's where were most of the members of the family including Sister Lydia & Micah and their daughter who are now on a visit from [illegible] — Mr. Church & the two elder Children also there.

6th Day 12 mo 1. Occupied most of the day in writing letters &c at home, called upon a Mercantile friend to introduce to his acquaintance my brother Edm. I gave some hours to business at the Ch. house, rec'd a Call at home from M. Ruggles Sister & three daugh-

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ter and Sister Elvira at Durfee's — after tea, husband left them seated by the visit in question. I went to try to bring up the arrears of my G. house duties but was much interrupted by in my design by two visits of my workmen, one relating to the obtaining the bounty land for the heirs of his brother who was a Soldier in the late war.

7th. day 2d. Occupied at the G. house thro. the day, and took tea at brother Benj.m with a family party on acct. of Sister Lydia and her husband and daughter. Ma. Chen H & daughter Mary being with us.—

1st. day 3d. Attended meetings at Friends' house — and otherwise remained at home through the day, in the ev. called at Mothers Uncle Wm & brother Benjamin with my bro.r in law E H Price —

2. day 4th. Occupied at the G house through the day and took tea and spent the ev. at my Uncle Wm Rotch Jrs — where was a collection of the branches of my mothers family in compliment mainly to Sister Lydia Alleat & their daughter. Aunt Mary &

M. Gifford were there with only Rodman Rotch & Horatio of Uncle Wm descendents — The visit was very pleasant, and ended seasonably ~~12½~~ before 10 O'Clk

3d day 5th — Spent the ~~day~~ forenoon in attending to business at the C. house & at home preparing letters &c to be forwarded by my bro: E. H. Prior who left us about 11 O'Clk to return to New York. P.M. at home hav. Sister Lydia and fam. with Mother & Eliza to dine with us — towards eve. I called with Sisters Lydia and Eliza at Wm W. Swain's & Aunt Mary's — At tea we had the addition of Wm & Robeson & Col. Morgan's family and Anna Rodman — a very pleasant assemblage of the family allayed only by the regretted coldness which prevented the extention of it to one other branch, which was not represented — may this unwise and unnatural coldness be supplanted by the genial influence of kind affections — Russell Davis of Bass River called on business

4th day 6th Occupied at the C. house & at P.M. at home & in relation to the Estate of

Benj Rodmans C.J. house, wife at my own C.J. room to retrieve the time lost to my accounts through the day.

5th. day 4th. Attended to business at the C.J house through the day, wife at Thomas A. Lyons's with ma chez H where the preceptors of the Acady. Mr. & Mrs. Roberts J. H. Morrison & several of the Trustees of the Acady. & their wives L Mary & Eliza Barney —

6th. Day 5th. Occupied at the C.J. house through the day. wife at home. Our little Ellen has something of a cold.

7th. Day 6th. Attended to business at the C.J house &c., through the day and wife called at mothers, this being her eighteenth birth day — She is well and uncommonly bright for her years — We have confined our dear little Ellen to the nursery to day her cold is not severe — She submits to the confinement with great docility —

1st. Day 10th Attended Meetings at the house of Our Society — congregation small the weather being snowy — called for a few minutes

at brother Benj^n and at Mothers — Thos A Greene called and spent part of the day with us mostly in Fathers room the call being mainly to him

2^d day 11^th Attended to business at the C.J. house through the day W.J. at home. Our daughter Mary at her Uncle Wm's to tea — The sleigh put in requisition to take the children to & from School &c, a mode of conveyance always delightful to the young in our latitude —

3^d day 12^th Attended to business at the C.J house through the day, W.J. at the Lyceum to hear a lecture by Mr. Bevoort the subject was interesting but the manner of its treatment & illustration was sometimes in very bad taste — called afterward on business at Mothers, and for a minute at Aunt Mary's —

4^th Day 13^th Engaged at the C.J. house All detained at home a considerable part of the afternoon by the Carpenters who were putting a double window to the N.W. & S.E. 3^d Story rooms viz the N^o 2 S^o windows of

D. rooms — the first to make it more comfortable through the winter for Sister and Mary, the latter to secure the plants of Ma Chere H. there deposited from injury by frost — In consequence of this detention I spent the ev. at the C. house to make amends for the time lost in the afternoon my engagements there being very pressing —

5th. Day 14th. Spent the day in attending to business at the C. house, and in the ev. went with Ma chere H. and the three elder children to hear Prof. De Wolfi independent Lecture on his course on Chemistry & ~~Nat. Philos~~ Geology which was very interesting, as from the high reputation was expected — We had here an accomplished & acute expounder of genuine Science strongly contrasted with the exhibitions of the Phrenological lecturers who have been so successfully gulling the people —

6th Day 15th Occupied with little intermission at the C. House through the day & ev. — Sister Phebe

Mary Ed. took tea at Sister Sarah's Benj.ⁿ being in Boston. at the last session of the Council under of the Current Political Year—

17th day 16th Engaged through the day in attending to business at the C.H. house called at Mothers on my way from the C.H. home early in the eve.ᵍ She appeared very well and comfortable for an Octogenarian in the full possession of her mental and Organic and physical powers a few minutes of the eve.ᵍ at home. Our two little girls made a visit at their Aunt Morgans and Mary at her uncle Williams—

1st day 17th Attended Friends Mtg in the forenoon. with Mr Chin H. father Chin and the two youngest boys— P.M went to the Mtg. and heard an excellent practical discourse from the Rev. Mr Greenwood of Boston, and in the eve.ᵍ attended Mr Chin & and the two oldest Children the Service of Grace Church. Sermon by the Rev. Mr Clark of Boston.— This was two doctrinal to be very interesting to me

Anna & Ellen & Wm. & Martha Robeson & Anna Drinker Called — after the mg. mg 2d day 18th attended to the mg. of Bank Directors and gave the rem. of the day to Cg. home duties — the weather very stormy All — the wind a violent gale from the SE & S. & SW., bringg in a tide that overflowed a number of the Wharves and was up to the upper edge of the Cup hill at the lowest part the S.W. angle of Penna. — evg. at home —

3d day 19th Occupied in attending to business at sundry places All. P.M. at the Cg. home Evg. at Professor De Wolf's Lecture before the Lyceum with Mr. Chr. H & 4 Children, afterwards at home — the Lecture room was much crowded Thought held in the Elm Street house, formerly the mg house of the N. Cong. Society —

4th Day 20th attended to business at the Cg. home & through the day and evg. Our three elder Children made a visit at their Aunt Morgans and from their inaptitude to remember their instructions staid very late

5th. Day 21st. Spent the day in attending to business at the C. house &c - and in the ev. attended Professor De Wolfs Lecture, subject Hydrogen - the lecture was interesting and the room well filled. Ma Chen H and the two elder children were under my protection - Sister Phebe being detained at home. foregoing the pleasure & instruction which would be much to her taste to minister with filial affection to the comfort and enjoyment of her venerable Parent - Friend Prescott walked home with us and spent the ev.

6th Day 22d. Occupied at the C. house throughout the day & Ev - saving sometime devoted to family Cares & objects -

7th Day 23d - busily engaged at C. house duties & calculations throughout the day & ev.

1st. Day 24th attended meetings at the Friends House A.M. & P.M.; and in the ev. with Ma Chen H & the two elder Children at the Episcopal. which was clothed

with lyons and illumination — the church was crowded — many attracted doubtless by the decorations — Th. A. Greene called on business connected with his leaving home and the books of the Academy in his house which will be shut up in his absence during the Session of the Legislature. This is the 2d anniversary of my fathers death — and less progress than I anticipated has been made in the adjustment of the Estate of which I am executor — I have used such diligence as my circumstances would permit but the embarrassment of the times in which I have participated have prevented the desirable progress —

2. day 25th Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors which was somewhat protracted the unfavorable positions of that institution at present making their proper management occasion of much anxiety especially to those who are dependent upon the facilities which they are wont to afford — This is Christmas Day and as usual on occa

of much interest with the Children — who enjoyed in proportion to their eager anticipations the favors of "Santa Claus" — I devoted the rem.r of the day & eve to C.J. Room duties — I believe some of the other Children of the families visiting ours, as to-day

3d day 26th. Attended to C.J. room duties throughout the day, and Prof.r De Wolf's lecture in the eve after the lecture spent an hour at the C.J. Room. Called after dinner with Mrs Chen H. on Dr Williams Dentist to have his professional services in her behalf —

4th day 27th Engaged at the C.J. room throughout the day. Had Company at tea viz Uncle Wm & wife Jas & Anna Arnold Lydia Green Cousin Anna Rotch Benj.n & Rodman. Mother & Joanna sister Eliza & Benj.n daughter — Called to see Ch.s Ash who is quite ill with fever — so as to be confined to his bed and to have watches

5th 28th. Attended to C.J. room duties throughout the day except the time taken in a call on C. W. Morgan — he being quite ill & wholly

confined to his bed with nervous fever. went to the Lyceum in the ev^g - and heard an interesting Lecture on heat — after accompanying my family home I returned to the C.H. House to finish some calculations —

6^th day 29^th Attended to C.H. house duties through the day, called at C.W. Morgans. who is rather better, Spent the ev^g at the C.H. house and called at home on my way to C.W.'s to sit up with him through the night

7^th day 30^th C.W. had not a very comfortable night, but his disease I think is passing slowly off. the excitability of his nervous System makes him more restless than most persons would be under a similar attack I caught some short naps in my Chair and slept an hour after dinner, which enabled me to proceed as usual with my C.H. house duties — when I was occupied throughout the day and ev^g — the close of the year bringing with it an accumulation of business of my own which I am particularly anxious to dispatch, on acc^t of the State of Ameri

in which my duties as Executor, with my best exertions are — Our Nephew S. Rodman returned home on 5th day last from his European tour in good health, he and J. B. Morrison called here last 6th but I did not see them —

1st day 30th — Attended meetings AM & PM at ours & mine home, Called to see my sick brother Charles who continues without much improvement, his pain and debility continuing though the former less active than some days since — Saw Brother Sister Anna. bro: Wm & Andrew there — the rest of the day at home Isabel & Betty Morgan spent the afternoon with us, to relieve their mother from care on their acct. that she might be more at liberty to attend upon her husband & the infant who is also not quite well — We had the usual first day of reading without interruption — thus ends the year 1837 — marked to us by many blessings & by few afflictions as it regards life and health pecuniary trials & anxieties have been the prin-

cipal Sources of disquiet — and as relief to them have come in succession as most needed though this relief has been but temporary it may properly be a ground of hope that future foreboding may be dispelled by unforseen relief — and that a blessing in these respects may attend my best endeavors to act in accordance with my circumstances and obligations — for all the unnumbered & numberless favors which have been dispensed throughout the year may a life of increasing watchfulness and endeavor to do right attest my gratitude to the beneficent disposer of human events — the author of them all —

2d day 1mo 1. 1838 The new year day is past, and it has been marked among the young as one of joy and mirthful congratulation and their elders could but sympathize in their buoyant Spirits, I called at Brothers and C. M. Morgans — the former begins the new year with a good degree of health for a person of her age now in her 81st year — her mental Powers and their organs of external Com. Sound & good

— Father Pinn shows much more the infirmities of age — and to day he is rather more feeble than usual — I have been devoted as usual to the discharge of my pressing C.J. house Engagements — continuing my labors to the end of the wk —
3. day 2d Occupied at the C.J. house or in C.J. house duties most of the day also the wk. except 2 hours Spent in attending with my family Prof. De Wolfs lecture — called to see Charles Ade. — he continues without much change — fever however abating slowly — My bro. Wm M. Ellen also continues about the same — Mrs Church. has secluded herself pretty much from the light to day on acct. of pain in one of her eyes — on which acct. D. Reed was called last wk — Sister used her ticket for the lecture this wk —
4th day 3. Attended to C.J. house duties through the day & wk — called a minute at Ch.' this wk — who appears to be gradually gaining — the accts from Ellen are not so favorable / a consulting

Physician having been called to day which indicates some alarm which Believe has not been before felt — Mother Hs. eyes are better though requiring a moderate light

5th. Day 4th. Attended to C.J. house duties through the day, & eve. the C.J. house called at C.H. Morgans, and I am to attend him through the night —

6th. Day 5th. Watched with C.H. Morgan last night — the crisis of his disease is not yet reached — he passed only a tolerable night — being considerably wakeful and restless. Called at bro. Wms after breakfast. Ellen had also a rather uncomfortable night — and her situation occasions some anxiety — attended to C.J. house duties through the day & eve. except for a couple of hours in which I slept after dinner — On a chair H sits up with Ellen to night — her eyes being better but not yet quite well —

7th. Day 6th. Attended to C.J. house duties through the day & Eve. except call J. for a short time

at C.W. Morgans I think him better than any before and I hope that he will henceforth improve — Ellen Rodman is also favorably reported of — by Ma Chen H who was with her through the night —

1st Day 7th Attended meetings and called at C.W. Morgans W.R. Rodmans, A Robesons and Mothers, C.W. M was not so well as I had hoped to find him, having had a poor night and slept but little. I did not see him as he was sleeping —

Ellen had also an uncomfortable night and her parents feel much anxiety, though somewhat relieved by the assurances of Dr. Read & Spooner that they do not see any thing particularly unfavorable in the case, after meeting I had to make some arrangements for a Newport journey to Fall River to-morrow as Executor, in the W.S. A. Robeson deed & my nephew S.W. Rodman called — I attended sister P. to bro. W.'s to watch with Ellen I must post of the W.S. in ready to father Prior, who sent the latter part

of the W.S. below to have the Company of A.R. & my nephews —

2d day 8th — Left home about 7 this morn. for Fall River to attend the Mg. of the Pocasset Manuf. Co. dined at M. H. Ruggles' with Wm. Slade & Clark Chase left a little after sunset and after meeting with some delay by the breaking of the harness reached home about 8 — had the satisfaction of the confirmation of the morning report — of the improvement of the invalids — and of finding all well at home — Lister Lydia looked remarkably well —

3d day 9th attended to Co. House duties through the day and eve. except the time occupied in a Call at C.W. Morgans & in attending Prof. De Wolfs lecture — I was sorry to find Chs improvt. scarcely perceptible — called also at Mothers

4th Day 10th Engaged at the Co. House this the day and Eve — called at C.W. Morgans and Mothers — found Lucia comfortable — had a good night — the report from Ellen is rather less favorable —

5th Day 11th. Attended the Mtg of Bank Directors, and afterward to C.J. house duties throughout the day and eve. except the time occupied in a call at C.W. Morgans & on Prof? De Wolfs Lecture — C.W. & Ellen are believed to be better to day Ma Chen & watches with the latter to night.

6th. Day 12th. Occupied throughout the day at the C.J. house except making a short call to see C.W. Morgan who appears to be slowly improving the reports also from Ellen are favorable, though the pain rather an unquiet night — eve. at the C.J. Hse at A.W.D. Robeson & A. Upjohns. and at home comparatively early viz 9½ O'clock — Jonas Johnna & Rodman Retd hm, the former having taken tea with Mary &c —

7th. Day 13th Occupied with C.J. House duties throughout the day & the principal part of the eve called to see C.W. Morgan who is thought to be on the recovery but by very slow degrees — the accounts from Ellen are also favorable but both if no unfavorable change should take place will probably be confined many weeks.

1st Day 14th Attended Meetings at Friends Hse of Worship — called at bro: Wms with Ma Church to inquire after Ellen who is better. Also called to see C. M. Morgan who appears to be not quite so well as yesterday — he can scarcely as yet be considerd convalescent — pass: the rem: of the day & ev: at home except an hour or more at Mothers the latter part of the ev: —

2d 15 Attended to Cg home duties through the day & ev: — called to see C. M. Morgan who appeared a little better than yesterday — Ellen also continues to mend

3d day 16th Occupied with my unceasing Cg home & cares — through the day and ev: except for the time occupied at the lecture of Prof. De Wolfe in the ev: and in a call at C. M. Mi. Hse — Sister watches with Ellen my niece to night —

4th Day 17th Engaged in Cg. Hse. duties through the day & Ev:. Called to see my bro: Charles who continues without any decided impro

5th day 18th This day is the 14th birth day of our eldest Children. May our fervent prayers unite to physical Activity May their minds and their hearts be as healthfully developed — I have been devoted as usual to my C.J. house Cares except the intervals of meals, a call to see C.W. Morgan and the Lecture hour of Prof. De Volfe. I returned to the C.J. house after the Lecture for sufficient reasons, though disposing a great sacrifice of my own inclination (aside from duty) and an absence of Images from my family — C.W. remains much as heretofore —

6th day 19th Spent the Day at the C.J. house. except the time occupied by a short call at C.W. Morgan's. W.J. at home, having the Company of bro: Wm Children and Wm R. Robertson to tea

7th Day 20th Occupied by my usual C.J. house duties — Through the day and evg. except the time of the Lecture which was attended by me Chas H. also and the

three oldest Children — I learn that Bro
Chas is yet without ~~=~~ decided evidence
of convalescence his fever yet retaining
a wasting energy — his faithful Nurse
at night (Nathan Johnson) has from
his own ill health been obliged to dis-
continue his services so that he has to
depend again upon those of his relation
& friends. his valuable assistance in com-
fort — though pretty given —
1st Day 21 Attended meetings, called at
Ell. Morgans — found as generally no worse
though he had passed a restless night — I
retain the hope that he is rather better
on the whole — Called also at bro. Wms
Aunt Mary's, Brothers & Andrews —
at the last two joined with me there &
and Mary & Edmund —
2d day 22d Spent the day at the Cg house
returned after tea — and spent the ev. there
& then returned home previous to going to
watch with my sick brother — whom
I called to enquire after, but did not
see to day as he was sleeping —
3d day 23d — sat up last night with Ell.
Morgan — he passed a pretty comfortable
night but the fever is still active so that
he can scarcely be considered as in a con-
valescent State — Spent the day after

a late breakfast at the Cg house, except a nap I am home or so after dinner, eve at Prof. De Wolfes lecture which as usual was very interesting — called at Geo. Howlands on an errand after and remain at home for the rest of the eve — Bro. B. Childsen took tea with the family. He spent the latter part of the eve with us

4th day 24th Occupied as usual at the Cg. House throughout the day. Called to see Chas. Morgan found him without any considerable improvement — his fever still continuing without much abatement. On returning home at 1 O'Clk — I learned that my wife's father had in my absence had a fall, by which he is for the present disabled — He was in the Cellar, whither he went to give his judgment on some points ~~relative to~~ of domestic economy on which his great experience had direct application — which being accomplished, he was about to return to the upper apartments, as Rachel who was occupied in the kitchen thot. he had done, but on opening the door to go into another apartment of the basement he was found by one of the girls on the floor, he having fallen a minute before as he closed the door to return by the yard to the rooms above — he was sitting against the entry partition unable to rise of himself, but without

having called for assistance — and in the fall no noise was made to attract attention — immediately on being discovered he was taken up and put into a Chair — and after recovering by the application of ammonia from a flask [illegible] persons — by calling the aid of an officer, person who was passing in the Street he was got up Stairs and to bed — Dr. Reach then examining the left leg & thigh which were principally injured — but found nothing indicating fracture or dislocation — but he suffers considerable pain & is confined to one position except as he is changed with the assistance of others — I endeavored without success in the afternoon to procure a man to attend upon him — the individual whom I had particularly in view having left town to seek employment at Taunton this morning — I have some hope however that he will be at Fall River to-morrow, in which case I shall take measures to communicate with him — Jacot will lodge in his room to night to render such aid as he may require. I called at Mothers and Andrews & in some other quarters to gain information of some individual to supply the needed assistance

I spent the ev at the Cg. House — my duties with reference to the Estate of my father being very important as to time —

5th day 25 Occupied at the Cg. house throughout the day & ev. except g. a call as Coll Mergans, attending the lecture of Prof. De Wolfe and Coll. M continues without any apparent improvement, the exhaustion of nature still going on — the fever still active and his mental faculties somewhat obscured — Father Prior tolerably comfortable though experiencing some pain in his injured limb — My Fathers old servant Noah White is engaged to attend upon him as nurse —

6th day 26th Called at bro. Charles' after breakfast and again after dinner — he had an enquiet night and the continuance of his disordered if not somewhat aggravated in type causes great anxiety in the minds of all his friends — his mind is obscured most of the time by stupor or aberration — Dr. Jackson was sent for by the afternoon train Rail Road line — except these calls and one at A. Robinsons and my attendance of the ev. Mtg of the Port Society I have spent the day in the performance of Cg. House duties — Father Prior has been as comfortable as could be expected confined to one position in Bed — he is well attended by A. White who lodged in the room, and whose services we hope to have in continuance

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